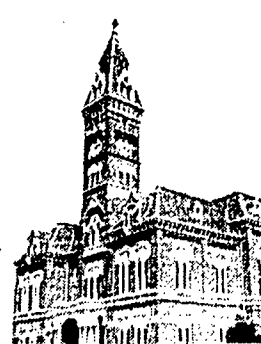




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Northwest receives highest funding

by Jacob DiPietro
Chief Reporter

Northwest will receive more money than any other four-year state school in Missouri from Gov. Mel Carnahan.

The University received a 10.1 percent increase over the amount received last fiscal year. Carnahan suggested Northwest receive an appropriation of more than \$25 million total, which is an increase of just over \$2 million.

As a large part of the increases, \$1.4 million will be used for Northwest's Mission Enhancement proposal. Improving the electronic campus, implementing Culture of Quality to all aspects of the University and developing an educational consortium are all parts of the proposal.

Across the state, funds allotted to higher educa-

tion are down. Sen. Sam Graves, R-Mo., said the reason Northwest received the largest increase is in part because of the continuous lobbying on the part of Graves and his staff and University President Dean Hubbard. Graves said ultimately the decision made by the governor is for various factors.

"I never know for sure what exactly sways the decision of allocating the money," Graves said. "I've complained for a long time that Northwest gets the short end of the deal come budget time; I was tickled to see this turnaround in this year's budget."

Hubbard said Northwest received the desired amount of funds.

"Initially we had asked for the money over three years," he said. "The governor gave us everything we asked for, but he spread it over four years."

Hubbard said the extra year is not a problem and the University is willing to work with the state.

"Personally I feel good about that," Hubbard said. "I want to go on record expressing appreciation for the support we are getting from both the coordinating board and the governor."

While Northwest did receive an increase from last year, there is still not enough money for certain projects. Hubbard said Carnahan did not agree with the Coordinating Board of Higher Education.

"On just simple operating of the University, higher education in general got less than 25 percent of what the board recommended," he said.

Because of the decrease in funds, some concerns have been raised about the amount of renovations being done and the different programs on campus. One of these concerns deals with faculty salaries.

Hubbard said faculty members might not receive what they want now, but the future of the University is more important than their immediate needs.

"I know people on campus are not going to be excited about the prospect of not having a lot of money that will go into salaries this year," Hubbard said. "But the future well-being of this institution has to be more important to us than the immediate portion of the budget that can go into salaries."

Along with salaries, concern has been mentioned about the amount of renovations. Hubbard said the money for renovations comes from a different budget and will continue as planned, except Garrett-Strong which will be delayed for at least a year.

"This is operating money the renovations are (paid for) capital dollars, that's another fund," Hubbard said. "This year we got \$9.6 million, next year we won't get any."

Hubbard said the reason the University is not getting money for renovations next year is that the state will channel more money into the prisons.

Quick reader.

A fast grasp on the situation.

What is happening? Northwest will receive more than \$25 million from the state, more than any other Missouri school.

Where will the money go? A portion will go toward improving the electronic campus, implementing more of Culture of Quality and developing an educational consortium.

Golf proposal dies at Council

by Ruby Dittmer
Community News Editor

A proposal for the construction of a golf cart storage shed at Mozingo Lake died because of a lack of a second motion at Wednesday night's Maryville City Council meeting.

Councilman Bob Huffman presented the Council with the proposal which he, and City Manager David Angerer constructed. The proposed building would have been 50 feet by 99 feet and would have housed 64 private carts and an additional 40 rental carts. Those who rented space in the cart shed would have been required to purchase a season pass for the golf course.

Councilwoman Bridget Brown opposed the shed proposal saying it presented a risk. She also said the city has an obligation to taxpayers to maintain the use of the facility at a high level while maintaining the revenue at the same high level.

Councilman Dale Mathes's main concern was the "total project that we promised the people." Mathes said the city told the people other projects and areas in the park would also be developed as well as the golf course.

"We promised a total picture," Mathes said. "And we've got to keep focused on the total picture."

Some members of the community were not pleased with the Council's decision.

"I'm surprised the city would rather sell individual fees rather than season passes," local resident Mike Foster said.

Huffman was also disappointed but said he will try to pass a similar proposal in the future. He believed there were two other Council members who supported the proposal.

Huffman said he cannot see the half-cent tax used for funding the Mozingo project passing again without the storage shed.

"The golfers of the city passed the tax the first time," Huffman said.

In other news, the Rotary Club of Maryville proposed to build a bathhouse complete with showers and washers and dryers at the Mozingo Lake area. The club asked the city to build the bathhouse and the club

Rallying behind the Bearcats



Greg Dalrymple/Photography Director

At Wednesday's men's basketball game against Missouri Western State College in Bearcat Arena, Northwest fans cheer on the team as the 'Cats went on a big run in the closing minutes of the first half. The Bearcats headed

into the locker room with a 39-36 lead. The second half, however, was not as kind to the home team, as the Griffons went home with a 82-71 win. The loss moves the Bearcats' record to 8-10. See p. 8 for more on the game.

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RESIDENT RECEIVES RECOGNITION

News show honors local

WE ARE MARYVILLE



by Chera Prideaux
Assistant Community News Editor

Last Super Bowl Sunday, football athletes weren't the only ones receiving recognition. St. Joseph's KQ2 news channel featured Dixie McGary along with other northwest Missouri residents who have made valuable contributions to the area.

McGary was recognized for her efforts as the current Nodaway County Humane Society director. She also works on campus as a part-time freshman seminar secretary.

McGary previously was a veterinary technician in Maryville and she also worked for the Nodaway County Humane Society. About three years ago, McGary retired to spend time with her children. The Humane Society asked her to take over the volunteer position of president since she had worked for them in the past.

Part of the reason McGary became involved in helping the Humane Society was to help prevent the mistreatment of animals that she had seen while working as a veterinary technician.

"You would be shocked," McGary said. "The neglect is unbelievable."

McGary's job entails coordinating fund-raisers, overseeing the board of directors, working with the police department, helping educate public schools and providing indi-



Christina Kettler/Chief Photographer

Dixie McGary, Humane Society director, greets Howie, a basset hound, at the Nodaway County Humane Society Wednesday.

vidual counseling of pet behavior problems.

"Everything I do is as a member of a team," McGary said. "We all have our areas of expertise and we work together for a positive benefit."

The Maryville animal shelter was operated by the city before the Humane Society took over the management and operations.

McGary said even though there are many contributors, it is surprising how much money is needed for the upkeep of the shelter.

"I feel extremely responsible for all of the money spent because the funds we receive come out of the goodness of people's hearts, donations, annual dues, fund-raisers and the city of Maryville and Nodaway County," McGary said. "The city has been extremely cooperative and supportive."

Ruhl becomes education dean

by Lindsey Corey
Chief Reporter

Max Ruhl was appointed dean of the University's College of Education and Human Services by the Board of Regents Jan. 22.

Prior to his promotion, Ruhl served as chairman of the Department of Educational Leadership for seven years.

He replaced Joe Ryan, who resigned Dec. 31 after 11 years as dean. Ryan teaches foreign language education classes.

"I really have to commend my predecessor," Ruhl said. "He is leaving the college in a strong position. He showed strong leadership for many years."

Ruhl will have a variety of responsibilities in his new position. The College of Education and Human Services includes the departments of Educational Leadership; Curriculum and Instruction; Health, Physi-

cal Education, Recreation and Dance; Psychology, Sociology and Counseling; and Human Environmental Sciences.

"I'm excited to be working with a terrific, talented, committed, hard-working faculty," Ruhl said. "I have great optimism for the things we are going to accomplish."

Ruhl will hold a meeting for the staff to discuss long-term goals.

"I'd like to focus their attention on teaching," he said. "They have a lot of other responsibilities, but teaching is the most important and deserves the most time."

Ruhl plans to make sure the faculty doesn't fall behind.

"I will focus on aggressive staff development," he said. "We need to continue to train them to be aware of the latest issues and trends in teaching."

Ruhl thinks the students will benefit by using the latest technologies available.

"The students should have as many op-

portunities as we can give them," Ruhl said. "We need to prepare them for multimedia teaching."

He said that he would also like to increase the number of students who are placed in diverse settings for student teaching.

"We are preparing students for classrooms across America," Ruhl said. "They need to know how to handle all ranges of students."

He plans on congratulating faculty and students when they do well.

"I want us to celebrate the success of the students and faculty," Ruhl said. "They need to recognize that good things come from hard work."

The Department of Educational Leadership conducted an internal search to fill Ruhl's past position as chair. As dean of the college, Ruhl will make the final decision.

EC+ will not continue as it is now

Though pending Regents OK, University plans to start next evolution of computer program

by Scott Summers
Chief Reporter

"We are in the process of looking at the options we have," provost Tim Gilmour, said. Even though final decisions about the EC+ program are still pending, EC+ will not continue in the same facet that it has over the last two years.

The Board of Regents will discuss the program during its February meeting and debate what changes will be made.

Gilmour said if the new program is approved by the Board of Regents, the University would not abandon the students who have already purchased the notebook computers.

"We would do everything we can to maintain our commitment to those students," Gilmour said. "That includes offering some courses in an EC+ mode, and we may do some other things."

Northwest will continue to have the objective of getting technology into the classrooms and giving students a chance to utilize that technology.

Douglas Martin, assistant professor of psychology, sociology and counseling, said EC+

was a very beneficial program to the students and teachers involved.

"I liked using the computers in my classroom," he said. "It helps the teaching process."

Gilmour said the University will continue to put teacher stations in the classrooms and it is discussing the idea of creating a center for the development of applications.

"We will continue our program to supply all of our faculty over time with notebook computers to use in the classroom and outside of the classroom," Gilmour said.

EC+ is still a great concept, Gilmour said, but the Board of Regents is looking for ways to make it more accessible.

"The major shortcoming of EC+ was the cost," Gilmour said. "What we're doing is evolving the program into something that will serve more students and, frankly, is a little bit more cost effective."

Martin believes if EC+ is sinking, it may be because Northwest was trying to bring the program along too fast.

"I think perhaps we were a little ahead of our time," Martin said. "Over time (notebook computers) might get as inexpensive as a pocket calculator."

If the prices continue to drop over time, Martin thinks more students would be willing

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Tim Gilmour, provost

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OurView

OF THE CAMPUS

Food prices on campus are still very expensive

After the holiday season, most people are checking their budgets and counting every last penny just to make ends meet.

For some commuting students this is not the only time money is tight, because paying for food on campus has many eating and spending sparingly.

Only \$200 is allotted on a commuter's food plan. For many commuters, money runs out quickly and it seems this is mostly the result of high food prices or not enough money on the plan.

For a simple meal, consisting of a sandwich and drink, one spends around \$5 — about the same as a meal eating out. It is often a lot cheaper to go home and make a sandwich, but for some students who have to be on campus all day, this simply isn't feasible.

Students with regular meal plans often end up with extra money at the end of the semester. Why is it that commuters have so much trouble making meal money last?

A single piece of fruit costs \$.60, whereas one can buy at least five at the grocery store for the same price. A 12-ounce bottle of water costs a dollar, at the store, a gallon of distilled water costs \$.73. A Rice Crispy treat is over a dollar, and a pan of them at home costs less and lasts longer.

A croissant box containing carrots, grapes and a sandwich costs \$3.90, which is more than an extra value meal at McDonald's and it doesn't come with a drink. Two bagels and a container of cream cheese cost \$3.50, and to many students these prices seem outrageous.

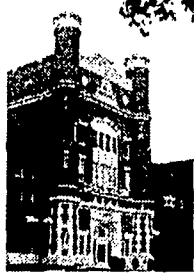
Campus Dining has valid reasons for the costs. It seems much of the cost comes from prices of equipment such as dish washers and the price of labor.

Prices are competitive with local fast-food restaurants. For instance, a 32-ounce drink is \$.10 cheaper on campus than at McDonald's or Hardee's.

But for those who would rather eat at home, feel free to do so. If time does not permit a trip home, and you are forced to eat on campus, the prices are as they stand.

Campus Dining is willing to hear the complaints of the concerned. If students want change, they must go through the proper channels. Contact Campus Dining and make an appointment to discuss your concerns with them, or join the Campus Dining Committee of the Residence Hall Association. Make your voice heard where it will count, or stop complaining.

Though it seems there is no solution for the pricing problem, some more effort to attempt to find a common ground would be appreciated.



OurView

OF THE COMMUNITY

Bond issue shoots for seventh time around

After six unsuccessful attempts at passing a bond issue, the Maryville R-II School Board is hoping that seven will be its lucky number.

Unfortunately, this bond issue, even armed with a difference over the last six, will need all the luck it can find in order to be passed.

First things first: The Board recently changed the location of the proposed middle school after enduring many residents' complaints. Instead of the much-maligned piece of land adjacent to the University on the northwest side of town, the proposed middle school would be built on a 30-acre lot southeast of the high school.

This change is an attempt to offset voter complaints that having a school near the college would not be accessible to students, or that college students could prove to be a bad influence on the school children.

In addition, the new site will prove beneficial for both students and parents because transportation and bussing will be more convenient.

A survey conducted in August showed that nearly 50 percent of respondents thought the old site was unacceptable. In changing sites, the Board has at least taken one argument away from voters.

However, the new location may not be the solution that will change the

bond's outcome. The most prevalent and important reason this bond has continued to fail is that Maryville residents do not want to foot the huge bill that constructing a new school will undoubtedly bring about.

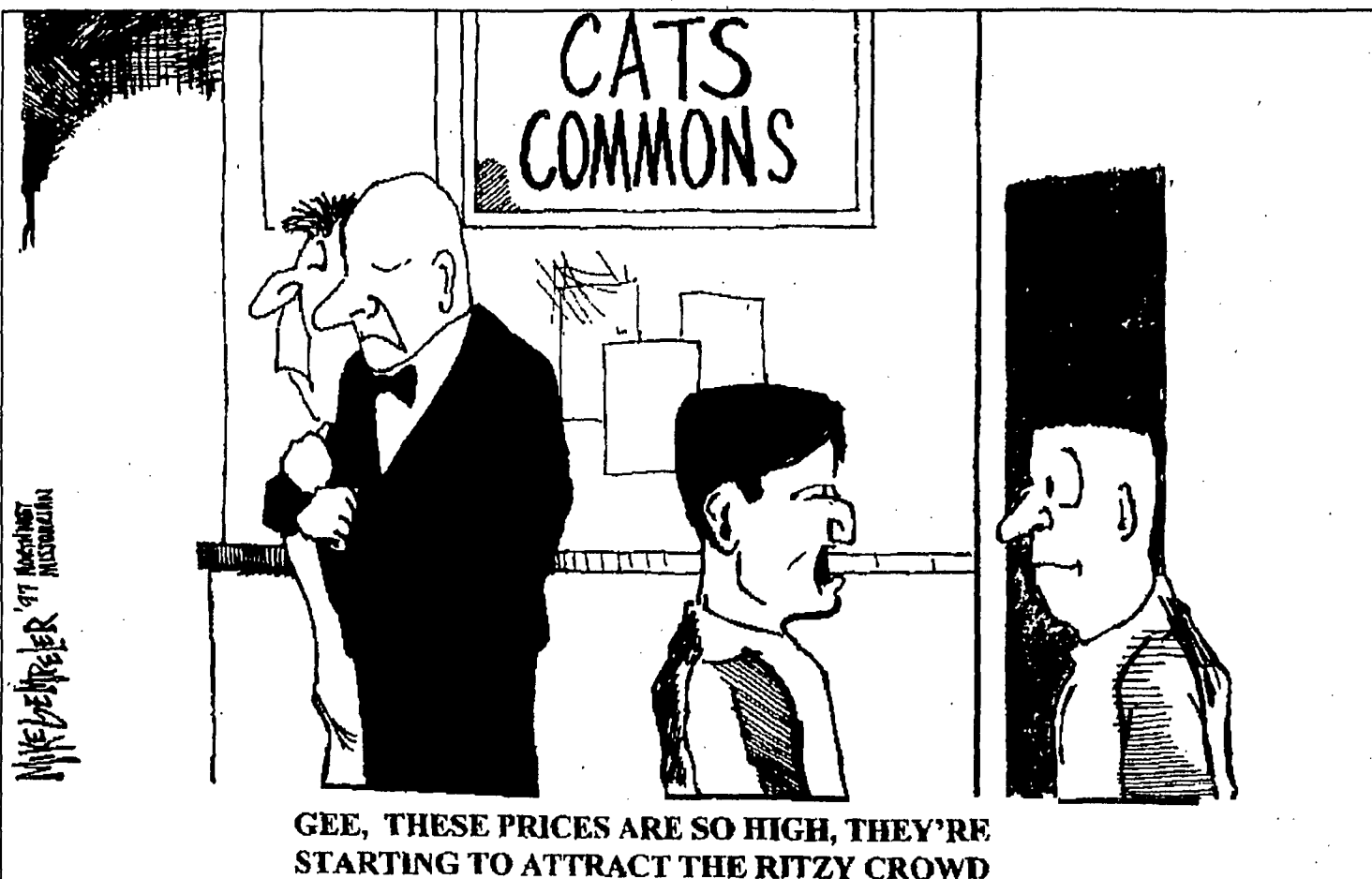
The ironic thing is, the longer we wait to pass this bill, the more expensive it will be.

In the last proposal, the cost was \$6.2 million. This time, the cost has gone up to \$9,485,000 even though 40 percent of those responding to the survey found the previous \$6.2 million bill unacceptable.

Only 15 percent of participants said they would be willing to pay between \$100-125 in additional taxes per year for a new facility. The majority of property owners would have an increase of between \$80-125 under this proposal, board member James Redd said.

With each bond issue, voters have demanded the best of both worlds. In the survey, 89 percent said they believed a new facility should be built, but whenever it came down to cost on the questionnaire, they were always in favor of the cheapest solution.

Now that the Board has given in on one concern — the location — it's up to the voters to compromise just as equally and accept the fact that new schools cost money, regardless of how little we'd care to pay.



MyTurn

Intersection should signal change



Lonelle R. Rathje

Some drivers on Highway 71 have a pure disregard for defensive driving

The sun was beginning its timid peek through the clouds as I was enjoying a calm, serene winter day. Even George Strait, as I recall, was singing me a song on the car radio.

God bless George. The day had the typical winter components: Slush, cool temperatures and the like — even a slow farmer in a red truck.

To be specific, it was a 1996 Chevy.

Nonetheless, it was Dec. 27, and I was slowly edging out of my scenic, two-story hillbilly residence on North Dewey.

Dodge never intended Lonelle's Daytona to brave the rough and tough Missouri winters; however, it was pulling through like a trooper.

And Lonelle was likewise being a trooper — driving carefully, as always, to the malls to tackle the onslaught of post-festive shoppers.

Armed with monetary supplements and an optimistic attitude that I would indeed find the perfect sale, I graced the U.S. Hwy. 71 bypass and headed south to the greatness of Kansas City.

Greatness was my quest; however, near terror was what I found.

For the record, the posted speed limit is 60 mph along the bypass. Lonelle was traveling a steady 50 mph inlement weather conditions, as calm as they were that day, should still signal caution for any driver — regardless of how well drivers believe their vehicles handle.

Then it happened — right at the

Hwy. 71 intersection by Kawasaki. An event that was to place my world into a two-second tailspin.

I always slow down when I approach this intersection, as I had done on this occasion. Time after time I have seen too many "defenseless" drivers turn onto Business 71 with pure disregard for the southbound traffic.

Whether drivers turning onto Business 71 have no concept of just how close oncoming traffic can reach them, I have no idea.

However, I do know this: The '96 Chevy sat in the turning lane for several seconds, watched as I approached, turned toward Business 71 and then stopped in my lane — as if he just saw me and didn't know what to do. I was within two yards of hitting him before he sped up and onto Business 71.

My driving excursion to my post-festive shopping was suddenly scarred.

By the time I slammed on my brakes, it was a near hit. My car entered into the world of spinning 360s and settled to a stop in the middle of the intersection.

Where was the red Chevy? Off on his merry way into the 'Ville.

I'm quite aware I sound bitter about this, particularly when there was no property damage or injury involved.

However, what makes me bitter is that I see potential accidents at that intersection frequently. Not tailspins like mine, but the speed misjudgment

of oncoming traffic.

Maryville Public Safety said the intersection sustained only eight accidents since the bypass opened in 1994 — none of which proved deadly. On average, 15-25 accidents happen per month within the city limits.

In light of the latter, the eight sounds miniscule. However when speed is taken into consideration — highway speed compared to the speed in town — the intersection could prove deadly if drivers do not exercise caution.

Lonelle's solution? Not signal lights at that intersection, but a flashing caution light.

A spokesperson from the Missouri Department of Transportation said general criteria it takes into consideration when placing traffic lights is not only the amount of traffic, but also the traffic turning movements. Individuals, as well as cities, are welcome to voice road concerns to the department for further investigation.

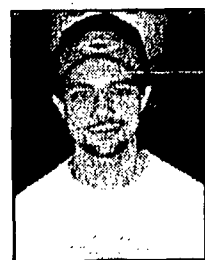
My first inclination was to voice my opinion about placing signal lights at the intersection, however, after the transportation department said such lights placed on roads where drivers would not expect to see them would be a safety hazard.

In essence, must we wait for a deadly accident to occur before we enact change?

Lonelle R. Rathje is the Editor in Chief of the Northwest Missourian.

NorthwestView

Motherly advice rings true for freshman



John Kizilarmut

Never turn your cheek to a mom-ism

I was never one to listen to my parents. When my mother told me, "college is going to take some getting used to," I blew it off as just another mom-ism. You know, like "your face will stick that way," or "try it, you'll like it."

Well, I still don't eat brussels sprouts, and luckily, my face didn't stick that way.

However, on my way to class, one of mom's predictions finally came true.

Dressed in enough clothing to hold a garage sale, I headed off to the Fine Arts building. Being careful to avoid the many dangers of the newly funded Northwest tractor pull, I held my breath to not inhale any of the greenish gas. It has been rumored to impair your reproductive abilities. Suddenly, as my vision was restored, I realized that mom was right — college is an adjustment.

By now, most of us are fully adjusted (or re-adjusted) to the odd hours and the new food groups that are related to college life.

However, there are a few things about home I have been taking for granted.

First of all, not all of the dishes are crescented with the Bearcat emblem, there is room in my fridge for a whole gallon of milk, and my coffeepot makes fresh, hot coffee.

There are more than two outlets in my house. In fact, there are more outlets in the kitchen alone. The water is fresh and clear, and tastes like, water.

Speaking of water, when I take a shower at home, there is not the slightest chance of boiling hot water to suddenly come out of the shower head with absolutely no warning. I really miss that.

About the bathroom, I have never

had to revive a drunken, vomiting teenager who has nearly died while blowing bubbles in my toilet for three hours so that I can use it.

Lastly, I really miss my front lawn. Who would have thought that a bunch of green grass could have such sentimental value. But my front lawn is special — it still has its virginity.

It has never seen a whole case of empty beer cans, or smelled of cow feces. It is just fresh, green, happy grass, resting comfortably under a fluffy winter blanket.

Well, mom, this time you were right. Feel free to come down to tell me "I told you so." You can find me on ice skates, headed past the library on my way to another class.

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Headline misleads

Dear editor,
Your story that you titled "Hit and run victim suffers head injury" is misleading to your readers. When you title it "hit and run" readers will think that the driver left the scene of the accident, which was not the case. I think that you should be more careful in your choice of wording for your headlines, so that you are not misleading your readers.

Sasha Small,
pre-pharmacy major

Atmosphere upsets

Dear editor,
I wanted to comment on the atmosphere of a certain place in Maryville, that being the Leaded Bean. My cousin attended Northwest two semesters ago and told me about a great place called Gourmet Pleasures. He suggested I go because it was a nice place to meet up with friends, do some studying or listen to good music

such as Toni Braxton, Seal, Madonna and other artists.

Instead, when I got here last semester, all I found when I walked into the Leaded Bean was that I was being judged because I represent a "normal" looking and acting customer. There never seems to be anyone who will come up to me and start a conversation or ask to play a game. This is sure different from other coffeehouses which have been a lot friendlier. Perhaps Maryville should reconsider having such an establishment if it isn't going to be offered right, or if the town isn't going to offer an alternative to the "grunge" scene.

Patrick Holt,
Independence, Mo.

Give blood donation

Dear editor,
For anyone that has not given a blood donation, please read why you will want to try Feb. 6. There should be a good response to such a wonderful project. For anyone

that has not given before and has thought about it, please donate.

There are six reasons to consider a blood donation:

1. Giving blood is very safe.
2. Giving blood is easy.
3. Giving blood is quick.
4. Giving blood saves up to three lives.

5. Giving blood could save your own lives, because you get a free anemia, temperature, pulse, blood pressure and cholesterol test, plus a free drink and cookie. Men who give three times a year will have a better chance to prevent heart attacks.

6. Giving blood gives you the best feeling.

Call if you have any questions or want to make an appointment. The Maryville Business and Professional Women's Club is sponsoring the 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Feb. 6, bloodmobile at the First United Methodist Church at First and Main.

Shirley Miller, Business and Professional Women's Club
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Correction:

In the Jan. 23 issue of the *Missourian* a front page story on Marilyn L. Mulkins was incorrectly labeled as a "Hit-and-run." The *Missourian* regrets the error. In the same issue on the front page, Sue Schenkel, Eugene Field Elementary School principal, was misidentified as Bev. The *Missourian* regrets this error.

MaryvilleView

Partying does not need alcoholic ingredients



Bridget Brown

Recent summons shows lack of responsibility

Over a year ago, after much discussion and with a great deal of participation, the City Council made it illegal for anyone under the age 19 to be on the premises of a business whose major source of revenue was the sale of alcohol. Generally this compromise decision met with approval of a wide range of residents. Naive as it may seem to some of you, I accepted the input of students under the age of 21 who pleaded that they had no intention of breaking the law by drinking underage, but wished to "be with friends." Bar owners of some of your favorite places have taken the law and its consequences seriously. I hope you are doing the same. Recently there were a number of summons issued to persons under the age of 19 in local bars. Is that grumbling I hear? "Not fair. There's nothing else to do. We can't have house parties."

A.) Life is not fair. B.) Get a life.

There's more life than a local tavern. C.) House parties can happen quite legally with no alcohol and no disturbing the peace. Some of the same people who told me as we were deciding this issue they just wanted to hang out with their friends, not break the law were also the ones saying, "Hey, without alcohol there is no party."

Risking serving up a sermon I ask you to look around and see the destruction of lives the abuse of alcohol is causing. You may not have to look as far away as you think. My cooperation is giving any of you a head start in the land of irresponsibility is not an intentional one.

Please respect the law, be responsible enough to do what you are asked. Be 19 or 20 before you visit the bars to hang with your friends and do not drink until you are of the legal age. Do not blame the bar owners or the police for you getting caught breaking the law. Responsibility begins

right here with the letter "I." The bar owner keeping you out becomes unpopular and the one letting you in becomes popular when you blame him for your choice to break the law and pay the fines. That bar owner risks more than popularity. They risk losing the right to do business with anybody at all.

If each of us makes ethical choices, we contribute to greater freedom by restricting ourselves rather than begging external restriction. There are so many ways you can and will test your wings in these college years. I hope your thirst for changing the world you have inherited extends to more significant issues than this one. Pick your challenges to law carefully, not by breaking the law but by changing it or choosing to obey it.

Bridget Brown is the mayor pro-tem of the Maryville City Council.

MyTurn

Making sacrifices for love is a big investment



Christina Kettler

As Valentine's Day approaches, watch out for Cupid's arrow

It's that time of the year when Cupid starts madly snapping his love arrows at couples around the world, pursuing his goal to make people "fall in love." But are you prepared for this Valentine's Day?

I know what some of you are thinking. You've watched Cupid's arrow zip past you and hit someone else and wonder if this Valentine's will be any different from the rest. Well, don't get discouraged. I've seen Cupid mistakenly miss me too. But after being hit hard with one of his love arrows this year, I believe that there is hope for everyone.

However, poor Cupid may be thinking otherwise. I mean, look at how the world deals with love and the opposite sex. We've even got books telling us how to understand each other, how to fall in love or how to build a lasting relationship. Let's be rational — we will NEVER understand the opposite sex. Instead, we need to just accept how the other acts and feels, without getting aggravated.

Sometimes love just doesn't work out or it just wasn't with the right person. Don't blame it on Cupid, even he makes mistakes.

Another possibility is the one miraculous feat that everyone claims is infeasible — Love at first sight. Your eyes met and then you unbelievably heard yourself say, "I'm not ready to get involved" or "my life is too busy for love." Needless to say, Cupid has his work cut out for him this year. Now that planners are found in every school bag and briefcase, society shouldn't have any problem writing in a time to fall in love. Chill out everyone. It was during the third century when Christianity was being persecuted that

Roman Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage, claiming it decreased a young soldier's desire for war. Despite the emperor's decree, a priest and physician by the name of Valentine secretly continued to unite couples in holy matrimony. On Feb. 14, Valentine was beheaded for his compassion and commitment to Christianity and young love. According to legend, lovers around the world have been celebrating the memory of Valentine ever since and it's about time that we do the same.

Like Christmas, we're forgetting the true meaning of the holiday. Valentine's Day isn't about gifts, it's about telling your boyfriend, girlfriend, family, friends and maybe even your dog that you love them. Although roses, candy, love letters and even diamonds (go get 'em girls) are great to get.

Remember how easy it was to like someone in grade school? I would do anything to go back to the second grade where we made valentine card holders out of old shoe boxes and all week we would secretly slip Batman or Barbie valentines into someone's box. Exhilaration and a sugar high would rush through me as I would rip open the cards one by one during our Valentine's Day party.

"You're out of this world Valentine" or "Will you be my Valentine?" piled up on my desk. If I was really lucky, I would get at least one card from a boy that said "I like shooting rubber bands at you" on the back. Those were always my favorite because my mother said when a boy picked on you, that's when he really liked you. Oh, how love used to be so easy and cute. Now that we are older it's more

difficult to get excited about opening a card or falling in love. Insecurity, fear and a painful past keep us from falling head over heels in love with somebody. All three of these elements kept me from getting involved in the past. If it wasn't for them I wouldn't have fallen in love with who I'm with now. After a year of learning to understand and put up with my ever-changing hormones and allowing me to accept the idea that someone can love me, I realized that all along I was just meeting the wrong guys.

I believe there's someone out there for everyone. Someone who will forgive you countless of times and never remind you of it, who is always concerning themselves with your happiness and who only wants to share every minute of his or her life with you.

For some of you like myself that have found that special someone, don't ever let them go and let them know this February 14 just how much you love them.

Maybe take this day to give mom and dad or grandma and grandpa a call just to say I love you or look back on the things you've taken for granted in the past and find it in your heart to start believing in love, family and God again.

As part of a poem from an anonymous writer said "To believe is to embrace the value of a nurturing heart, the innocence of a child's eyes and the beauty of an aging hand, for it is thought their teachings we learn how to love."

I love you all and have a Happy Valentine's Day.

Christina Kettler is the chief photographer for the Northwest Missourian.

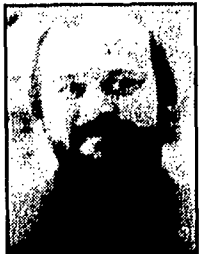
IT'S YOUR TURN

How will the location for the new school site affect your vote on April 1?



"I don't think the new location will make that big of difference because the fact remains that the people of Maryville don't want to pay more taxes."

Steve Welbleun, Maryville resident



"I don't think it is necessarily a question of location so much as taxation. People are tired of being taxed."

John Campbell, Peak Entertainment owner



"I think it would be better than the other plan because it is more in the same area and they can overlap by using the same facilities at different times. We can save a lot of money and I think the children would be safer in just that one spot."

Doris Swalley, retired Maryville resident



"I think we possibly need a new school, but I do not think they are telling us everything we need to know."

Joseph Swalley, retired Maryville resident



"I hope that it results in a more positive outcome at the schools. I don't think the new location down by the high school is any better than the location they currently have, but I hope that it will be a positive change to enough people that it will pass the issue and I will support it at either location."

Jeff Funston, Field's clothing owner

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OBITUARIES

Billy Farnsworth

Billy Jean Farnsworth, 23, Bethany, died Jan. 24 at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo.

He was born Sept. 19, 1973, to Gale and Mary Farnsworth in Albany. Survivors include his mother; two uncles; his foster mother, Barbara Henderson; three foster sisters; three step brothers and two step sisters.

Services were Jan. 28 at Johnson Funeral Home Chapel in Stanberry.

Olive Still

Olive Still, 76, Maryville, died Jan. 24 at the Kansas University Medical Center in Lawrence, Kan.

She was born May 10, 1920, to William and Helen Ireland in Liverpool, England.

Survivors include her husband, Marion; two daughters, Helen Moorhead and Linda Livengood; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were Jan. 28 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

Maxine Haynes

Maxine Haynes, 78, Maryville, died Jan. 27 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born June 5, 1918, to Charles and Ethel McClurg in Maryville.

Survivors include two sons, Don and Richard; one grandson and two brothers.

Services were Jan. 29 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

Catherine Mattson

Catherine Barbara Mattson, 96, Conception Junction, died Jan. 29 at LaVerna Heights in Savannah.

She was born Apr. 4, 1900, to John and Frances Schieber in Clyde.

Survivors include three sons, Henry, Edward and John; two daughters, Frances Worley and Loretta Henry; 36 grandchildren; 74 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; one brother and three sisters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 1 at St. Columba Catholic Church in Conception Junction.

NEW ARRIVALS

Erin Nicole Florea

Dwight and Sue Florea, Maryville, are the parents of Erin Nicole, born Jan. 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and joins two brothers and one sister.

Grandparents are Paul Lynch, Maryville, and Orville and Mary Florea, Pickering.

Danae LeAnn Schieber

Darrell and Sheila Schieber, Conception, are the parents of Danae LeAnn, born Jan. 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and joins one brother and one sister.

Grandparents are Maurine Wiederholt and Jerry and Rita Schieber, all of Conception.

Luke Allen Andrews

Allen and Robin Andrews, Grant City, are the parents of Luke Allen, born Jan. 21 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and joins one brother and one sister.

Grandparents are Don and Sherrie Schottel, King City, and John C. and Jo Andrews, Grant City.

Lane Force

Darwin and Lisa Force, Sheridan, are the parents of Lane, born Jan. 23 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and joins one brother.

Grandparents are Doy and Shirley Allee and Charles and Joanne Force, all of Sheridan.

CAMPUS SAFETY REPORTS

January 21

A student living in Dieterich Hall reported the theft of personal property from his room.

Campus Safety officers were called to Hudson Hall to check on the well-being of a student who was found to be all right.

January 23

A student from Millikan Hall reported that she received harassing phone calls. The complainant declined to prosecute. The incident is currently under investigation.

The smell of burning plastic was in the Union because food service equipment malfunctioned. The problem was corrected.

January 24

A fire alarm was activated in Perrin Hall because dust fell into the alarm by the use of custodial equipment.

January 25

A student from Richardson Hall reported that when they returned from break, there was property missing from the student's room. The incident is currently under investigation.

BRIEF

Chamber plans for spring Home and Garden Show

The Maryville Chamber of Commerce is planning a Home and Garden Show from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, March 8, and noon until 4 p.m. Sunday, March 9, in the Maryville High School gymnasium.

As of now, space is limited to Chamber members only, but after Feb. 16, anyone may reserve space for

booths. For more information contact the Chamber.

The Chamber also hosted its annual banquet recently and several awards were presented.

The MCCA Outstanding Project Award went to the Host Lions Club. Harley Kissingner was given the Special Recognition Award, the Spearhead Award went to Joyce Cronin, Afton Schmitt received the Good Citizen Award and the Distinguished Service Award was given to Helen Jenkinson.

January 20

An officer took a report from a Maryville female who said while her vehicle was parked in the 2800 block of South Main a radar detector, compact disc player, CD bag and several CD's were taken from her vehicle. Following an investigation, a flashlight and knife were taken from a vehicle, owned by a Maryville male, in the same location. And another Maryville female said an AM/FM radio was taken from her vehicle in the same area as well. Charges are pending following further investigation.

January 21

Fire units responded to the 200 block of East South Hills Drive after a call about a possible explosion in the furnace. There was no smoke or fire upon arrival. Occupants said they heard a noise coming from the furnace room and when they opened the door a ball of fire rolled out of the burner area of the furnace. The fire ball was a flash type of fire and it self-extinguished. No damage was done and the gas was shut off.

January 22

An officer responded to the 300 block of South Main about a fight. Upon arrival he observed two male subjects who were separated and identified as Nathan D. Andrews, 21, and Jeremy T. Weir, 22, both of Maryville. They were both issued summons for affray. While talking with witnesses, the officer was informed that the two subjects, while fighting, had broken out a large pane of glass in front of the building.

Jeffrey L. Wilmes, 35, Maryville, was arrested on charges of assault following an incident in the 300 block of South Saunders where he apparently struck a Maryville male and female. He was released after posting bond.

While on patrol in the 300 block of West Fourth Street, an officer stopped Kelly D. Thompson, 18, Maryville, for driving over the posted speed limit. After running a check on Thompson, the officer found she had an active

warrant from Polk County for speeding. She was released after posting bond.

January 23

A Maryville female reported that while she was shopping her purse was stolen when she went to another aisle. She was later contacted by the owner of the business who found her purse. After checking it, she discovered some checks had been removed.

Michael G. Driskell, Maryville, and Donald K. Johnson, Independence, were both pulling onto U.S. Hwy 71. Johnson stopped and his vehicle was struck in the rear by Driskell, who said he could not see the brake lights on Johnson's car. A citation for failure to yield was issued to Driskell.

January 24

Officers responded to the 400 block of North Buchanan after a complaint about a fight. Upon arrival they observed several subjects running to vehicles. The vehicles were stopped and after talking with several subjects, summons for affray were issued to Edward W. Baker, 20, Maryville, Shannon T. Gould, 19, Lexington, and Brandon M. Shepherd, 19, Maryville.

Officers assisted Liquor Control agents with liquor violations. The following subjects were issued summons for being under 19 years of age inside a bar: James N. Klintigh, Jaclyn N. Dierking, Lisa G. Hopkins, Joshua D. Burns, Taunya P. Winters, Brandon L. Vanorden, Anna K. Hall, Jacob A. DiPietro, Charity M. Chavez, Nancy K. Luers, Jodi L. Cox, Chad J. Gastler and Katharine F. Counter, all of Maryville.

Liquor Control agents informed an officer that while checking identification at a local establishment two male subjects had given them someone else's license. Summons for obstructing a police officer by providing false information/possession of another person's driver's license were issued to James A. Warren, 19, Maryville, and Christian P. Robinson, 20, Spring Lake, Mich.

COUNCIL

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would repay them yearly with a minimum of \$2,000 until the club had paid for the cost of building the facility. The Council approved the proposal with a 5-0 vote and the bathhouse should be completed by July 1.

Happenings in Jefferson City may also have a direct effect on Maryville, Angerer said. Currently there are nine bills that would repeal or eliminate the sales tax on food. Angerer said this would be bad for the city.

"Twenty-five percent of the sales tax income comes from food tax," Angerer said.

The city manager also estimated that this would eliminate \$282,000 in municipal dollars and \$140,000 from the Mozingo Lake project.

Angerer is going to write a letter to local representatives expressing the cities' concerns with the proposed legislation.

The next Council meeting will be 7 p.m., Feb. 10, at City Hall.

EC+

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to get involved in the program.

If the Board of Regents gives approval to the new direction the program is heading in, students may still want to buy the notebook computers. "Students who are in upper-division courses where there is a need for computer applications will find a notebook computer as a good option," Gilmour said.

Gilmour said the EC+ program did not fail in its mission.

"We still believe that what we achieved in the classroom with EC+ represented some real steps forward and confirmed that it had real value," Gilmour said.

Gilmour said he believes the Uni-

versity has given EC+ a good look, and making some changes might benefit the overall student body.

"Over this year and the last (through a pilot program) we have used this notebook experiment," Gilmour said. "What we have found is that the ability of our students to afford the program is relatively limited."

Currently, about 340 students, mostly freshmen, are enrolled in EC+ courses.

The Board of Regents wants to put new personal computers in each residence hall room and add to the current computer labs.

"(Placing new personal computers in the residence hall rooms) would provide much broader access if we can pull it off and if the Board of Regents approves it," Gilmour said.

minor in possession were issued to Heather L. Wetzel, 19, and Jerral J. Fuller, 19, both of Omaha, Neb. The occupants, Dominic E. Alberti, 19, and Shaun B. Oriley, 19, were both issued summons for peace disturbance and supplying alcohol to minors.

Todd P. Maugh, 20, Diamond Bar, Calif., was arrested on charges of larceny and minor in possession following an incident at a local business in which a bottle of tequila was taken without being paid for.

Jimmie E. Sheridan, Quitman, and Rebecca S. Hanna, Maryville, were both traveling north on Main Street. Hanna stopped in traffic and her vehicle was struck in the rear by Sheridan. A citation was issued to Sheridan.

Impact occurred as Zachary A. Schiller, Defiance, pulled from a private drive onto Dewey Street and slid on ice striking Brooke L. Bartels, Tiffin, Iowa, who was parked. A citation was issued to Schiller for careless and imprudent driving.

January 26

McCaren A. Cummings, 18, Maryville, was arrested on charges of larceny and minor in possession following an incident at a local business in which a bottle of vodka was taken without being paid for.

January 27

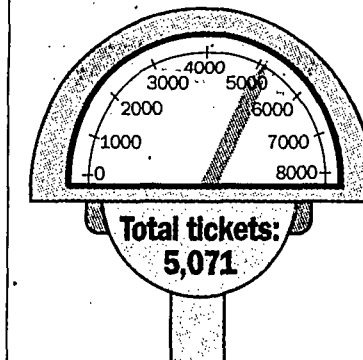
Officers responded to the 200 block of Park Avenue on a complaint of a peace disturbance. Contact was made with the occupants, Kendra D. Michl, 22, and Julie A. Holloway, 23, who were both issued summons for permitting peace disturbance.

Phillip Volner, 33, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for motion to revoke probation.

Travis N. Garton, Maryville, was traveling south on Main Street. David E. Divine, Albany, was preparing to exit onto Main Street from a private drive. Garton slid on the ice and struck Divine. No citations were issued.

Ticket ticker

How many parking tickets have been given so far this year? Check the ticket ticker each week for the total tally of citations.



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Dear Prospective Member:

Liberia should have a special place in the conscience of the United States of America. Its impetus to become a nation came from the United States. For 149 years, it was a stalwart ally of the United States. Yet for the past years, as a civil war has taken almost 200,000 lives, displaced more than two-thirds of the population and destroyed its infrastructure, the United States has treated this great tragedy as a regional problem.

Liberia has a unique historical and cultural link to the United States. Settled by African Americans, many of them former slaves, in the early decades of the 19th century, Liberia became a republic in 1847. The United States influence on Liberia is reflected in the African nation's constitution, the star and stripes of its red, white and blue flag, the structure of its government, the names of its cities, its schools' curriculum, its official language and the remarkable degree of good will its citizens feel toward America. Through all the major conflicts of the 20th century, Liberians been among the most dependable allies of the United States. In both World War, Liberia declared war on the enemies of the United States and offered vital air bases, ports, and natural resources to support the United States military. During the Cold War, Liberia voted with the United States on every significant resolution at the United Nations. It hosted facilities for electronic monitoring and became the largest base for United States intelligence-gathering in Africa.

Yet when Liberia's security was most at risk because of civil conflict the United States government deferred to ECOWAS, an under-funded regional organization composed of some of the world's poorest nations. Half of the \$10 million earmarked by the United States to support a peacekeeping force had not been committed by April 1996. Meanwhile, the cost to the United States of responding to the humanitarian crisis since 1990 has been emergency relief assistance valued at over \$445 million, over \$66 million provided in the past year alone, more than eight times the amount committed to peacekeeping.

In the absence of a viable security plan, the torrent of refugees continues to undermine Liberia's relations with its immediate neighbors. Though the United States has imported those nations to admit Liberian refugees, its own record of Liberian admissions decries the long relationship with that nation.

The approach to achieving peace in Liberia has revolved around the ECOWAS process for six years. This process has, in turn, been dependent on a core group of ECOWAS nations with the will and very limited resources to engage in diplomacy tour to committee forces for peacekeeping. Fourteen peace agreements have been largely brokered without the United States and other international parties, such as the United Nations or OAU, present with ECOWAS as working partners at the negotiating table. The result of this agreements and the resources, and leverage, necessary for successful implementation, produced the tragic results that we have witnessed in Liberia.

On August 17 the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) concluded meeting that provide a new timetable for the peace process. Starting August 20, the warring factions are to observe a cease-fire, dismantle checkpoints and withdraw from zones of combat. The peacekeeping force, expanding from 8500 to 18,000 troops, is to deploy throughout Liberia in November. Demobilization is to be completed by January 31. Elections are to be held on May 31 with a turnover to an elected government on June 15. The revised plan calls for sanctions against members of the warring factions that obstruct the peace process. Sanctions include restrictions on travel, freeze on economic activities, exclusion from electoral process, and war crime charges.

Now the United States has another opportunity to assert its international leadership at a critical juncture to ensure that the success of the new peace process. This leadership will not lead to an involvement of United States troops. It does mean that the United States must heighten its diplomatic efforts to help coordinate the process of peace and gather the funding that is necessary for effective peacekeeping and demobilization in Liberia.

The United States should take the necessary steps to ensure that its commitment of \$30 million to support the ECOMOG peacekeeping force is obligated before the end of the fiscal year 1996. While the United States pledge of \$30 million is a step in the right direction it will not alone enable a doubling of ECOMOG to the 18,000 troops necessary for deployment by November. It is vital that the United States provide additional funds to make up this shortfall or take the lead to obtain significant pledges from other donor countries. A top priority of the United States should be the implementation of a serious program for demobilizing Liberia's combatants. Regretfully, no additional funding has been pledged by the United States to improve what was an inadequately funded and designed demobilization plan. In fact, some of the funds allocated in early 1996 for reintegration of Liberia's 60,000 combatants have been diverted elsewhere. The United States should take the lead in designing a comprehensive demobilization program. This program will not involve United States troops, but should include the resources for every stage of demobilization from encampment to training and counseling of combatants. A contribution of \$20 million (non-food related) from the United States will provide the resources necessary to initiate a well conceived demobilization program and encourage future contributions from other international donors.

President Clinton and the United States Congress must make Liberia a priority on our foreign relations agenda in Africa. United States leadership is critical if the key elements are to be achieved on schedule under the new peace plan. This leadership will not lead to an involvement of United States troops. It does mean that the United States through its Special Envoy, must heighten its diplomatic efforts to coordinate the implementation of the peace process and gather the additional resources necessary for effective peacekeeping and demobilization.

The United States should strengthen the response of the international community to the needs of the peace process. The foundation for a new international approach to the peace process already exists with the International Contact Group for Liberia, the group of donor countries that have pledged support to the peace process. The concept behind the ICGL should be expanded to a tightly coordinated partnership that includes the United States, ECOWAS, and the United Nations. This high level of cooperation will ensure that scarce resources are effectively utilized.

The outbreak of fighting in Monrovia in April-May of 1996 was the latest in a series of clashes in Liberia's intractable war. During the past nearly seven years, the war has produced shocking humanitarian conditions for Liberian civilians. The most recent fighting exacerbated even further these conditions. Humanitarian assistance organizations have been unable to deliver food and other emergency services because of the fighting in Monrovia. Their resources looted by gangs of combatants and the safety of their relief workers threatened, these organizations closed or dramatically reduced their operations in Liberia.

As a result of the civil war in Liberia, an estimated 800,000 Liberians are internally displaced; another 800,000 are refugees in neighboring countries that are among the poorest in the world. Approximately 50 percent of the population in Monrovia, upwards of 350,000 persons, were forced to flee their homes due to the April-May fighting and another 3,000 died. During June-July some 3,300 new cases of cholera were reported in Monrovia and a July survey found malnutrition rates for children in displaced shelters have increased up to 25 percent. Now that the dust of the Civil War in Liberia is settling down, an era of a NEW LIBERIA is at hand. Whether anyone likes it or not, a leadership is bound to emerge, supposedly to shoulder the national responsibilities of politics and administration and to ensure the continued survival of the Liberian people and culture.

That such leadership will be genuine and committed is a matter that you as Liberians and friends of Liberia can decide, or at least influence. But choosing national leadership is a serious and difficult business. In Liberia, bombed-out homes and shops are painful reminders of what happens when leaders are chosen unwisely. We cannot allow this to happen again. This is why the Liberian Social Justice Foundation is campaigning for PEACE, SECURITY, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL AND POLITICAL JUSTICE IN LIBERIA.

The Liberian Social Justice Foundation has carefully examines the administrative and operational policies of both the past and present administration in Liberia, and in our candid opinion, much more needs to be done to help Liberia go in the direction she needs to go. We as Liberians must try to have a positive influence on the selection of the national programs and the corresponding leadership which will inevitably affect our lives and the lives of our people for many year to come.

My fellow Liberians and Friends of Liberia, the Liberian Social Justice Foundation has embarked on a mission to ensure that PEACE, UNITY, SECURITY, FREEDOM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE prevail in Liberia. This is an awesome responsibility that can only occur if we cooperate as a team. History will judge us not by what we say, but by what we do. With God and the determined mind, there is nothing we cannot achieve for our Liberian Society. It is in this light that I urge you to support and contribute to the Liberian Social Justice Foundation's programs.

Liberia, the African nation established in the 1800s by freed American slaves, has been torn by civil war since 1989. What does the Liberian Civil War mean to Americans in terms of health care, humanitarian relief, stability throughout Africa and the continuation of missionary work? If you share in the dream of peace in Liberia, a country founded upon American ideals, you are invited to become more informed by writing to the LIBERIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION, POST OFFICE BOX 31438, CINCINNATI, OHIO 45231. (513) 931-1872.

I am writing to introduce you to the Liberian Social Justice Foundation, Inc., a broad-based social nonprofit organization. The mission of the LSJFI is two-fold: we are dedicated to restoring a just and stable society in Liberia, and to improving the quality of life for all Liberians, both at home and abroad.

On behalf of our members, I appeal to you for financial assistance in support of LSJF activities. An application for membership is included which contains a breakdown of membership fees. Please know that any amount you can contribute will be helpful to us. Your support of the Foundation, and your awareness of its concern is deeply appreciated. Should you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to write us or call. Thank you for your time, your contribution, and your generosity. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Liberian Social Justice Foundation, Inc.

Best regards,

Edwin G. K. Zoedua
Executive Director/Chairman

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Faces of hunger in Liberia

Liberian children await arrival of a food convoy in Tubmanburg, 50 miles north of Monrovia. The city was cut off for months by fighting. People surrounded the trucks Wednesday when; when bags of wheat were opened, they grabbed handfuls and ate it uncooked. **World/A8**



Committees plan Trimester dates

by Wendy Broker
Chief Reporter

Trimester discussions are expanding through campus and until the University finds the money, the committees will continue to meet.

A major asset to the trimester is the year-round usage of the campus, but it can't be decided until Gov. Mel Carnahan and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education distribute the money.

Annette Weymuth, executive assistant to the president, said until the legislators decide, the project is in limbo.

"If the legislators are willing to give us money for heating and cooling to make the campus usable year-round, why wouldn't we take advantage of it?" Weymuth said.

There are still many questions unanswered, and hopefully the interviews will answer some of them, Weymuth said.

"We need more information right now," she said. "We are not ignoring questions, we are just asking questions in a sequential fashion."

Committees will begin conducting interviews with other public colleges that use the trimester system.

"We will be contacting 10 universities as part of an investigation into the advantages and disadvantages of trimesters, for the students, faculty and campus facilities utilization," Weymuth said. "We are also asking about many potential problems and how they dealt with them."

Merry McDonald, professor of computer science and information systems, and the other calendar committee members have already gathered information from other campuses to create three sample calendars.

"We took sample calendars from other schools and took what seemed to work for them and implemented it in ours," she said. "We intend to look at more, and get more feedback from the faculty on the ones we already have. Right now, it's just a feasibility study."

McDonald said a trimester schedule would cut breaks students have become accustomed to.

"If you are trying to do three semesters in a year, it's inevitable to shorten breaks, though nobody likes it," she said.

Weymuth said the calendar and many other factors will be discussed once options have been discovered.

"We will have focus groups involving student, faculty and staff, to help show us what they want," she said. "We want this to be positive. We will try our very best to meet the needs of everyone."

The needs are being considered by several committees.

"Our committee's job is to figure out how we can provide for students and their academic needs," VanDyke, dean of libraries and chair of the academic and curriculum committee, said. "This could involve rethinking the sequence of classes, and when to offer them, a real shaking up of something we have become used to. Our group has submitted our concerns in the form of a four-page document."

VanDyke said the committees are analyzing each part of the project.

"We are looking at advantages and disadvantages with our needs in mind," she said.

Trimester calendar proposals:

Trimester Calendar I	
Fall/Spring terms: 15 weeks	University is awaiting approval of funding for trimester program which is expected in May. Until then, the University is researching the pros and cons found by other universities with trimesters in effect.
Summer term: 3, 5 week sessions	
Breaks with 4 or 5 days per week	
Breaks with 5-week Summer sessions:	
- Between Fall and Spring: 16 days	
- Between Spring and Summer: 10 days	
- Between Summer and Fall: 10 days	
79 days in the Fall trimester	
79 days in the Spring trimester	
75 days in the Summer trimester	

Trimester Calendar II	
Fall/Spring terms: 15 weeks	
Summer term: 3, 5 weeks	
Breaks with 5-week Summer sessions:	
- Between Fall and Spring: 16 days	
- Between Spring and Summer: 6 days	
- Between Summer and Fall: 17 days	
75 days in Fall trimester	
74 days in Spring trimester	
75 days in 5-week Summer trimester	

Trimester Calendar II (Variation)	
Fall/Spring terms: 15 weeks	Next step: Information from other universities will be analyzed, and upon approval, focus groups will be formed to gather input from students, faculty and staff here at Northwest and address
Summer term: 3, 5 weeks	
Breaks with 4 1/2-week Summer sessions:	
- Between Fall and Spring: 16 days	
- Between Spring and Summer: 6 days	
- Between Summer and Fall: 26 days	
75 days in Fall trimester	
74 days in Spring trimester	
68 days in 4 day - 4 1/2 week session	
68 days in 5 day - 4 1/2 week session	

Christy Collings/Design editor

Work opportunities abound at Career Day

by Wendy Broker
Chief Reporter

All of us are searching for something — happiness, love and money. Students are either looking for summer jobs, internships, or in the case of seniors, permanent job placement.

Career Services is having Spring Career Day from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 11, in the Union Ballroom to help with this search.

A Teacher Placement Day will be held April 29 for education majors.

The businesses attending will offer opportunities to students to find a job.

Businesses ranging from sporting good stores to the FBI will be showing their wares in hope of finding future employees.

Career Services send over 3,000 invitations, but only 80 businesses come because of space, placement clerk Jeni Crowder said.

"Gateway 2000 and Sprint are new this year, and we have a few that are adding to the list each day," Crowder said. "If we do have 80, it will be the biggest we have ever had."

Crowder said Career Day, despite popular belief, is not just for business and agricultural majors.

"The reason several majors are not represented is because there is not

enough student attendance from people in those majors on Career Day," she said. "However, many of the business companies are not just looking for business majors. It is important to see what they are looking for. You might be surprised."

Crowder said Career Day has helped students find employment in the past.

"Last year, 15 were placed and that doesn't count internships," she said. "The two days after are booked solid for interviews, but many businesses are looking for upperclassmen and the turnout is mostly freshmen and sophomores."

Career Services recommends students dress appropriately for the event.

"Many businesses in the past have complained that students dress too casually," Crowder said. "This is a little more serious than going to class, you could get hired, so you should present yourself in a professional manner."

Increased student attendance at Career Day would increase the probability of more businesses attending in the future, Crowder said.

"A lot of businesses come because of the past interest shown in their field," she said. "If we could show the interest in more areas to entice companies, more may come."

UNIVERSITY BRIEFS

Financial aid recipients have application deadline

Continuing Northwest students should have already received their 1997-98 financial aid renewal applications.

Students should bring the applications to the financial assistance office in 108 Thompson-Ringold to have them electronically processed.

If continuing students have not received their applications, they should pick one up in the financial assistance office.

Broadway show attracts mature audiences only

Northwest Encore Performances is bringing the national tour of "Kiss of the Spider Woman" to the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center for one show at 7:30 p.m., Thursday.

Single admission tickets for the seven-time Tony award-winning hit are available at the Student Services Center from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The original Broadway production is based upon the motion picture of the same title which won William Hurt an Oscar for Best Actor for the role of Molina.

Reserved seats are \$15 for orchestra seating and \$12 for balcony. There are no children's seats available for the show. Tickets may also be purchased by calling (816) 562-1212.

National society awards student elite scholarship

Matt Kitzi, a senior international business major from Lake of the Ozarks, was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the National Order of Omega.

Kitzi received one of 50 scholarships worth \$500 awarded this year. More than 124 applications were received for the scholarships.

The Northwest chapter of Order of Omega has had a national scholarship winner five of the last six years.

Order of Omega is a national honorary for men and women in Greek letter fraternities and sororities.

Bush receives new title, maintains duties

by Juliet Martin

Assistant University News Editor

The job he does has not changed, but his title has.

Bob Bush, formerly the vice president of applied research and the institute for quality productivity, is now the University's vice president for regional initiatives.

Under Bush's leadership, Northwest has worked with state agencies, school districts and corporations to maintain relationships within the entire region of northwest Missouri through numerous projects.

Some of these programs include the Healthy Communities project

which focuses on improving the quality of life in northwest Missouri; the Biomass project and the recent formulation of the Northwest Missouri Education Consortium, which helps bring post-secondary education to people throughout the region.

Bush also works with the Missouri Western State College graduate center and helps to facilitate distance learning projects through the campus in St. Joseph.

A familiar face locally, Bush works in departments such as Campus Safety, CD ROM technology which helped lead to the EC+ program and University grant writing for faculty and staff.

Nancy Baxter, University grants director, works with Bush and said the new title helps define Bush's department.

"It's perfect," she said. "It appropriately identifies what he has been doing for years."

Baxter also said the title should raise awareness of the applied research department.

"New projects should come this way because people recognize the importance of supporting regional initiatives," Baxter said.

Bush said a critical issue facing northwest Missouri is the decline of opportunities for members of the community once they have completed their college degree.

"This region needs to diversify if we are going to survive and this institution has a direct relationship to that," Bush said. "We want to provide opportunities which can be shared with everyone throughout the region and can benefit from them."

Bush said the new title has been evolutionary and the third one at Northwest.

"I have a very fascinating career with lots of variety and new ideas," Bush said. "I'm very fortunate, I've always felt like I've had one of the best jobs in northwest Missouri."

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

Friday, Jan. 31
Graduate student payday
Educator's Day, Union Ballroom
4 p.m., LDSSA meeting, Northwest Room
7, 9:30 p.m., CAPS film: "The Associate," Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
7:30 p.m., Lab Series, Charles Johnson Theater
Saturday, Feb. 1
8 a.m., C-Base test, 232 Garrett-Strong
6 p.m., Women's basketball at Lincoln, Jefferson City
8 p.m., Men's basketball at Lincoln, Jefferson City
Sunday, Feb. 2
5 p.m., Delta Chi cabinet meeting, chapter house
6 p.m., Sunday supper, Wesley Center
8 p.m., NRHH, Governors Room
9 p.m., Delta Chi executive board meeting, chapter house
Monday, Feb. 3
ABC Hall of Fame
9 a.m., First semester senior assessment, Regents Room
2 p.m., Senior orientation workshop, Governors Room
3 p.m., Intro to E-mail, electronic lecture room
5 p.m., Intramural 5-on-5 basketball camp, 102 Martindale Gym
5 p.m., Intramural basketball officials, 102 Martindale Gym
5:30 p.m., Women's basketball at Missouri Southern, Joplin

5:30 p.m., Graduate Forum, 310 Administration Building
7:30 p.m., Men's basketball at Missouri Southern, Joplin
Tuesday, Feb. 4
9 a.m., First semester senior assessment, Regents Room
12 p.m., Videotape presentation, Conference Center
2 p.m., Senior orientation workshop, Governors Room
3 p.m., Internet short course, Electronic lecture room
6 p.m., Alpha Mu Gamma and Phi Sigma Iota, Ballroom
Wednesday, Feb. 5
12 p.m., Intramural 10-point pitch league
2 p.m., Interview skills workshop, Governors Room
3:30 p.m., Greek Week committee meeting, Dug Out
4:30 p.m., Student teachers for fall, Union Ballroom
5:30 p.m., Women's basketball at Emporia State, Emporia
7:30 p.m., Men's basketball at Emporia State, Emporia
Thursday, Feb. 6
8 a.m., CLEP, GED and MAT exams, 120 Wells Hall
7:30 p.m., "Kiss of the Spider Woman," Mary Linn



Geography major Landon Shaver and history major Christian Hornbaker pile up Oreo cookies Tuesday in the first floor of the Union. The winner of the

week-long "Oreo stack" will earn an opportunity to win a television. The contest has rotated through all of the campus dining facilities.

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Costs increase on snow removal

by Joni Jones
Announcements Editor

With the recent snowfalls, the city of Maryville has been doing everything possible to keep the streets clean and safe, but it definitely has been costly.

The relatively small storm that hit northwest Missouri last week cost the city approximately \$7,000 to salt and clean many of the streets.

Since Dec. 5, which was when the first winter storm hit Maryville, approximately \$21,600 has been spent on numerous hours of labor and materials, Ron Brohammer, assistant city manager/director of Public Works, said.

"I am counting regular labor, overtime hours, the mix used on the roads, any breakdowns that may have occurred, the fuel needed to run the trucks and tractors and other expendables," Brohammer said.

The city has already used close to 90 tons of mix, which contains salt and calcium chloride, on just this last storm. The mix costs around \$12 per ton.

In order to pay for these costs, the city uses money from taxes and a street budget, but snow removal is not specified in this budget.

"We do not budget directly for snow removal," Brohammer said. "The bottom line is that we will spend whatever it takes...and use judgement and common sense to decide how much is enough."

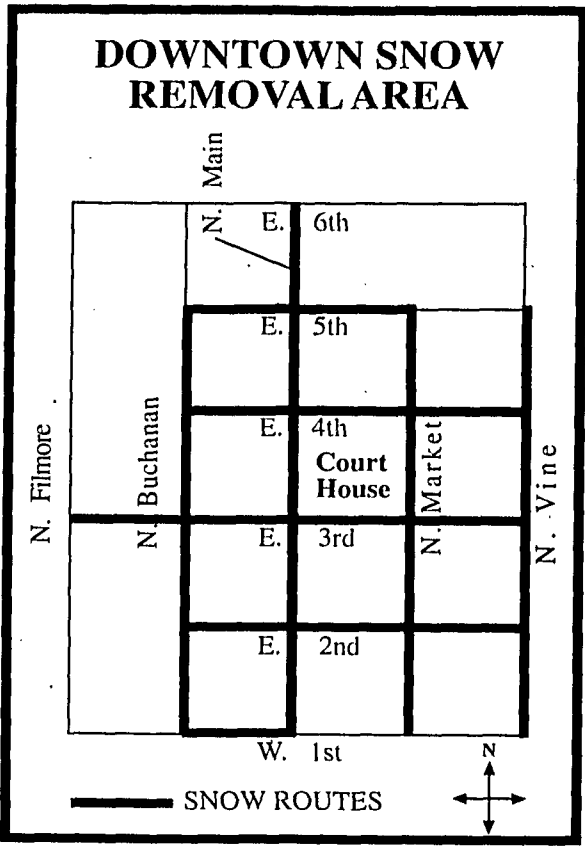
Often there are consequences to spending more money than is allocated in the budget, even though it is necessary. Although the consequences do not come in the form of tax increases, there may be work that cannot be done in the summer because of winter spending.

"Every dollar that we spend in the wintertime on salt and (labor) hours and time, are dollars that can't be spent on additional asphalt on streets and those kinds of things," Brohammer said.

If the city does run out of money, then a general fund will be utilized. It is money that is put away for anything unexpected that may occur.

But, in most cases, the city has not needed to tap into the fund and has remained within the budget.

Although this winter's spending thus far is slightly higher than the 1995-96 total of \$17,160, Brohammer said Maryville will do its best to meet the goal of clearing the streets the best they can with the resources and funds allowed.



MaKenzy Lawson stand in front of the judges for the 24-36 month old "Most Beautiful Baby" category. Children from 0 months to 4 years old participated in the show. Kristina Kettler/Chief Photographer

Babies win trophies

by Jacob DiPietro
Chief Reporter

Many parents believe their baby is the cutest. However, New Star Discovery determined the most beautiful baby at a regional baby contest Sunday morning at the Cardinal Inn in Maryville.

There are six different age divisions in the contest: 0-7 months, 8-14 months, 15-23 months, 24-36 months, 3-4 years old and 5-6 years old. The contest is open to boys and girls, each having their own categories respectively.

In the 0-7 months division Brayden Martin of Maryville won the boys' division. Next in the 8-14 month category Mackenzy Philette won on the girls' side, while Brady Clements won for the boys. In the 15-23 month age division Cynthia Smail was the winner. MaKenzy Lawson won the 24-36 month age division. And Tyler Greeley won the 3-4 year old category.

Colleen Adams, New Star Discovery representative, said the reason for the shortage of contestants was because of the area and the weather.

"We have had contests with anywhere from eight to 137 contestants," Adams said. "The weather was real bad and it was a small area so the small number was expected."

The most beautiful baby winners received a trophy, a crown, their entry fee for the state contest and a photo shoot worth \$150. Awards also included children with the prettiest eyes, best head shot and two overall high-point winners. Regional Director Nancy Skilleit said judging criteria is divided. Fifty percent was natural beauty and the other 50 percent was personality.

Maryville man boasts expensive hobby

Wild horse adapts to life in captivity, resident breaks, trains, mustang for parades

by Ruby Dittmer
Community News Editor

For more than 30 years it has been his hobby to train and break horses. However, his biggest challenge started in September 1988 when Sassy arrived.

Sassy was a 3-year-old mustang horse when she was found running wild in Nevada. David Dredge, of Maryville, purchased her for \$125 and transported the black horse to Missouri to care for her.

"I just thought it sounded neat," Dredge said. "I've always liked horses and training them. What a better place to start than with a wild one?"

To adopt the horse, Dredge contacted the Bureau of Land Management which is located in Jackson, Miss. His application described the specifications of the horse's stall, along with general information about himself and why he wanted the endangered species.

Dredge built a special enclosed stall that was 10 feet by 12 feet. Attached to this stall was a run that measured 12 feet by 20 feet. He built a fence at least six feet high constructed out of wood. The fence could not be wire because the horse, while adjusting to captivity, might get caught and injured in the wires.

Patience was the key requirement when he broke the horse in. For the first months of her captivity, Dredge became friends with the horse.

"It's a slow process," Dredge said. "With mustangs you just don't walk up to them. She was so scared."

The wild horse had other needs.

Sassy was given all the required shots and wormed. She also had to be given the Coggins Test, which checks for diseases prone to horses. Because Sassy was in the wild for the first three years of her life, her hooves also required more trimmings than horses born in captivity.

In the wild, the horse fed on various types of grasses native to Nevada. While in captivity, Sassy learned to eat grains.

"You have to cut down on the feed," Dredge said. "They aren't used to having an abundant amount. They'll eat about anything and you have to control their intake or else they will overeat."

For one year, the horse was in a separate stall and run.

Dredge said after becoming friends with Sassy, the rest of the breaking and training "went along real fast" and he was able to put a saddle and bridle on her.

He rode the horse in many parades and during other events. He also makes presentations to scouts and 4-H clubs.

Dredge said purchasing the horse was the cheapest part of his hobby. Feed costs and renovations to the stall and stable were more expensive.

"I've thought about getting another wild mustang," Dredge said. "Hindsight would tell me to get a yearling colt. They seem to be easier to break."

Dredge sold Sassy one year ago because his kids had grown up and there was no one there to ride her. Fearing she would become ill if no one would properly exercise the animal, Marci Gillis bought the horse for her daughter, Ashton, to ride and show in 4-H programs.

Dredge recently gave a presentation to the Nodaway County Girl Scouts.



Greg Dalrymple/Photography Director

Nodaway County Girl Scouts gather Saturday at the MFA Sale Barn to learn about the wild mustang, an endangered species, that represented and promoted this year's cookie sales. David Dredge showed Sarge, a quarter-horse mix that is stable at the sale barn. He was unable to bring the mustang that he owned and trained until last year because of the icy road conditions.

School Board unites

by Lindsey Corey
Chief Reporter

Maryville R-II School Board members have pulled together for the April 1 bond issue and are expecting positive results.

"We decided to put forth a unified voice and not our individual opinions," Board member Ray Courter said.

After changing the proposed site and architectural firm, the Board is ready to begin its campaign to build a new middle school and to renovate the elementary school and the high school.

"One of the top complaints (about previous bond issues) was the site being too close to the college," Board member John Redden said. "We've changed that so we hope it'll pass."

Change has been the major focus for Board members.

"The change of site is appealing to many voters and our previous efforts gave us good recognition," Board member James Redd said. "I'm very optimistic."

Voters are more likely to focus on the cost of the bond issue, but

Board members believe there is no better time than the present to take advantage of the opportunity for progress.

"It's really not a question of if we need the facility and improvements, but when we will be able to get started," Board president Rego Jones said. "There is nothing we can do about the dollar figure because costs never seem to go down."

Some see the cost of the bond to be a bargain.

"In relation to the previous bond, (patrons) are receiving more for their money," Redd said. "We will be addressing three facilities to help children all through the system. The longer we wait the more pronounced our needs will become and the more expensive it will be."

Board members, architects and administrators will answer questions at 9 a.m., Saturday, at Eugene Field Elementary School.

"People need to understand the need throughout the whole district," Jones said. "I'd encourage people to go to the presentation and make up their mind there, instead of rumors or past bond issues."

IN BRIEF

Eugene Field announces kindergarten registration

Kindergarten registration for the 1997-98 school year at Eugene Field Elementary School will be between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Feb. 3, 4 and 5 in the principal's office. Registration will also be between 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Feb. 6. Upon registration, an appointment will be made for the children to take a preschool test.

Children must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 1, 1997. Applicants must also have a birth certificate issued by the state and immunization records

must also be presented. The following immunizations must be completed: three Diphtheria, Per-tussis, Tetanus; three Oral Polio Virus; two measles, mumps, rubella; three Hepatitis B series. Every child must have these immunizations before they can attend school. There is also a \$15 fee.

Sue Schenkel, acting principal/head teacher, said it is important for parents to enroll their children at these times so the elementary staff has time to make adequate preparations and materials can be made. She urges people, if they know someone who has a child of kindergarten age, to notify them to enroll their student.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, Jan. 31

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Washington Middle School Science Fair.

9:45 a.m. Exercise Program, Nodaway County Senior Center.

6 p.m. Maryville High School boy's basketball vs. Falls City.

7 p.m. Dramatic performance of the Gospel of Mark, St. Gregory's Catholic Church.

D.A.R.E. sixth-grade basketball tournament entries due.

Saturday, Feb. 1

9 a.m. Meeting about Maryville R-II bond issue, Eugene Field Elementary School.

9 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous, St. Francis Hospital.

11 a.m. Maryville High School varsity wrestling tournament at Maryville.

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Washington Middle School Science Fair.

Monday, Feb. 3

9:45 a.m. Exercise Program, Nodaway County Senior Center.

6 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous, St. Francis Hospital.

Thursday, Feb. 6

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Business Professional Women's community blood drive at the United Methodist Church.



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February 3: Bowling at Bearcat Lanes. Meet at the house at 8 p.m.

February 5: Delta Chi Casino Night, 6:30 - 9 p.m., formal dress.

February 7: Pool and Basketball Tournament, 3 - 5 p.m. at the house.

February 8: Bearcat Basketball game at 7:30 p.m. Meet at the house at 7.

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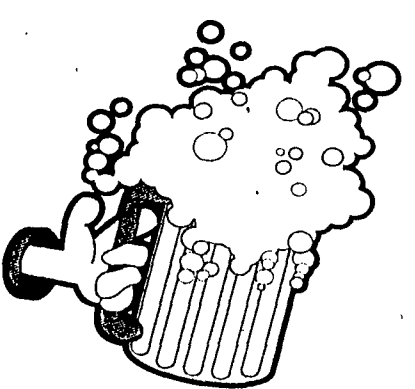
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Women suffer narrow defeat at home

Sports world no longer considered cool



Collin McDonough

Certain athletes these days only care about themselves and do not want to face the responsibility of their actions.

There are quite a few athletes that I

want to discuss but I'll start at the college level.

Lester Earl signed a national letter of intent to play basketball for four years at Louisiana State University, but now after only one semester he says he wants to transfer to another Division I school — the University of Kansas.

Dale Brown, head LSU coach, is refusing to allow Earl to transfer. If Brown allows Earl to transfer, he would lose only one year of eligibility. But if Brown refuses, Earl would lose two years of eligibility.

I think it's about time Lester paid the price for his actions, so I hope coach Brown does not give in.

Then what about the situation at Iowa State with forward Kenny Pratt, the Cyclones' second leading scorer last season?

In late December, he was out carousing in the wee hours and he got hit by another car. Pratt was drunk at the time of the accident and was arrested for drunken driving after he failed a breathalyzer test. But Pratt decided he did not want to be arrested and resisted. He kicked a police officer in the face, loosening the officer's tooth.

Pratt was immediately kicked off the Iowa State basketball team, but a university committee reinstated Pratt.

Kenny if you did the deed then pay the price and sit out a few games. Once again this is another athlete that does not want to be held accountable for his actions.

This problem not only affects college athletes, it seems to be a big problem on the professional level as well.

What about Oksana Baiul and her drunk driving charge? She said she would check into an alcohol program to help her understand her problem. But she is only trying to get out of her drunk driving charge.

It's just another sign of an athlete not wanting to be held accountable for their actions.

Players like these can ruin the reputation of their sports and I think that is why many fans are becoming disgusted with the sports world.

Collin McDonough is the University sports editor for the Northwest Missourian.

Northwest Star Athlete



Pam Cummings* Junior

Cummings leads the MIAA in assists with an average of 7.2 per contest. Cummings is only 86 assists away from becoming the school's all-time assist leader. She is also averaging 8.1 points per game.

*chosen by the Missourian sports staff

by Brian Brozyna
Missourian Staff

Time could not run fast enough for the women's basketball team when it played Missouri Western State College Wednesday night.

The Bearcats (8-10, 4-6 MIAA) surged ahead 63-59 on a layup by junior guard Autumn Feaker with 1:52 left to play. Western's Stephanie Jackson answered by scoring the next three points.

After senior forward Sandi Ickes missed a free throw with 36 seconds to go, the Lady Griffons' Jenny Marr, who paced her team with 18 points in the second half, gave her team a 64-63 victory with a layup.

Head coach Wayne Winstead said the Bearcats were the better ballclub.

"There's no question our kids deserved to win tonight," Winstead said. "I thought we played well enough to win by eight to 10 points."

Northwest was unable to get a shot off after Winstead called a time out with 22 seconds left.

"I said, 'Let's just take the best shot,'" Winstead said. "I thought she (freshman guard Andrea Robertson) was fouled, but they turned around and called a foul on us."

Senior guard Kristin Folk said the team was trying to go inside on the final shot.

"Everyone in the conference knows our strength is the inside game," Folk said. "There were times when we had two or three players on our one player going inside."

Northwest led by eight at half-time. The Bearcats led by as much as 10 with 16:21 to go in the game before Western tied the score at 50 with 10:10 left in the game.

Junior forward Justean Bohnsack led the team with 14 points and junior center Annie Coy added 10 points and six rebounds. Junior guard Pam Cummings led with 11 assists.

Cummings leads the MIAA in assists per game with an average of 7.1 per game.

The Bearcats shot 48 percent for the game from the field compared to

44 percent for the Griffons but only 27 percent from the free throw line, compared to Missouri Western's 61 percent.

Winstead said the team showed patience on offense.

"We played well and did the things we wanted to," Winstead said. "We needed a break here and there and it wasn't in the cards as far as calls go."

Northwest had won four games in a row at home before the loss to the Griffons. The loss dropped the 'Cats record at home this season to 7-2. North-west's record at Bearcat Arena over the last two seasons is 18-5.

Missouri-Rolla 75 Northwest 68

Last Saturday the Bearcats dropped a 75-68 decision to Missouri-Rolla. Junior forward Allison Edwards paced the team with 13 points and Bohnsack led with nine rebounds.

Cummings had another all-around game for the Bearcats. She scored 11 points and

dished out eight assists, while achieving five steals.

Northwest could not stop the play of Missouri-Rolla's Heather Hartman. Hartman scored a game-high 26 points and tore down 11 rebounds.

The Bearcats will try to snap their three-game losing streak when they play Lincoln University at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in Jefferson City. Northwest won the first game of the two earlier this year, 64-54.

Folk said the team has been playing well despite the slide.

"We've stayed close and haven't been blown out," Folk said. "We just haven't really gotten the breaks we need."

The women will hit the road for a long three-game road trip that includes stops at Lincoln, Missouri Southern State College and Emporia State University. Northwest will play three games in five days.

The Bearcats next home game will be against Missouri Southern at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, in Bearcat Arena.

“There’s no question our kids deserved to win tonight. I thought we played well enough to win by eight to 10 points.”

Wayne Winstead, women's basketball coach



Gene Cassell/Photography Director

Junior forward Annie Coy goes down on the floor to grab a rebound against Jenny Marr in last night's game against Missouri Western State College. Coy had 11 points and a team-

high six rebounds in the 64-63 loss. Coy leads Northwest in scoring with 12.4 per contest. Up next for the 8-10 Bearcats is Lincoln University on Saturday night.

Indoor track teams continue to shine

by Wendy Broker
Chief Reporter

It was not only a big weekend in professional sports, i.e. the Super Bowl, but the men's and women's indoor track teams were in on the action too, showing their abilities against competition at the Nebraska Open Saturday.

The women displayed some of their talent in senior Heidi Metz, who broke the school record in the 3,000-meter run by nearly 10 seconds, placing third. Junior Kathy Kearns finished behind Metz, placing fifth. Junior Julie Humphreys finished second in the weight throw.

Junior Leslie Dickherber not only placed eighth at the meet in the shot put, but also provisionally qualified for nationals. Freshman Jill Eppenbaugh also threw well Saturday, grabbing fifth place in the shot put.

Coach Ron DeShon said he held a couple of the season's top performers out of this meet (as not to tire them out this early in the season), including Jacshelle Sasser.

DeShon said he is taking everybody, an A-team and a B-team, to the team's next meet at Central Missouri State University.

"This meet coming up at

CMSU, the Mule Relays is very important at this point of the season," he said. "It will help us find out where we stand against conference competition and if we are contenders or pretenders to the conference championship."

The men's indoor track team had its share of stars as well at the Nebraska Open.

Team co-captain junior Chad Sutton finished third and provisionally qualified for nationals in the high jump, Saturday. Sophomore Jimmy Jeffrey performed well also, just missing provisional qualification, and finished 4th in the 200-meter dash and 7th in the 55-meter dash.

Coach Rich Alsop said he was pleased with the team's performance Saturday.

"I thought they performed well for only having a week of practice leading up to it," Alsop said.

Sutton said the team will improve in time.

"As time goes on, we will improve more and more, and be in good shape to be competitive at conference," Sutton said.

The team will have a chance to improve in Lawrence when it faces the University of Kansas, Kansas State University and Wichita State University.

Griffons slip past 'Cats 82-71

by Scott Summers
Chief Reporter

Missouri Western's defensive pressure ate the Bearcat men alive Wednesday night and the 'Cats dropped the conference game 82-71.

"It's kind of like sharks around blood," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said, commenting on Missouri Western's tenacious defense.

The 'Cats' record fell to 7-11 overall and 4-6 in MIAA conference play.

The Bearcats had their fair share of opportunities but could not cash in.

"We had some good looks at the basket, but we just got too tentative," Tappmeyer said.

Northwest was not going to roll over for the Griffons and the 'Cats held a 39-36 halftime lead.

However, the Bearcats were a completely different team in the second half.

"It was like night and day," senior guard Silas Williams said. "One half we came out playing and in the second half we didn't play with the same enthusiasm."

The 'Cats remained within striking distance until the waning moments, but they were outscored 22-12 in the final 8:40 seconds of the game.

"We didn't shoot the ball as comfortably as we did in the first half," Tappmeyer said. "I thought we did shy away from some contact at times in the ballgame."

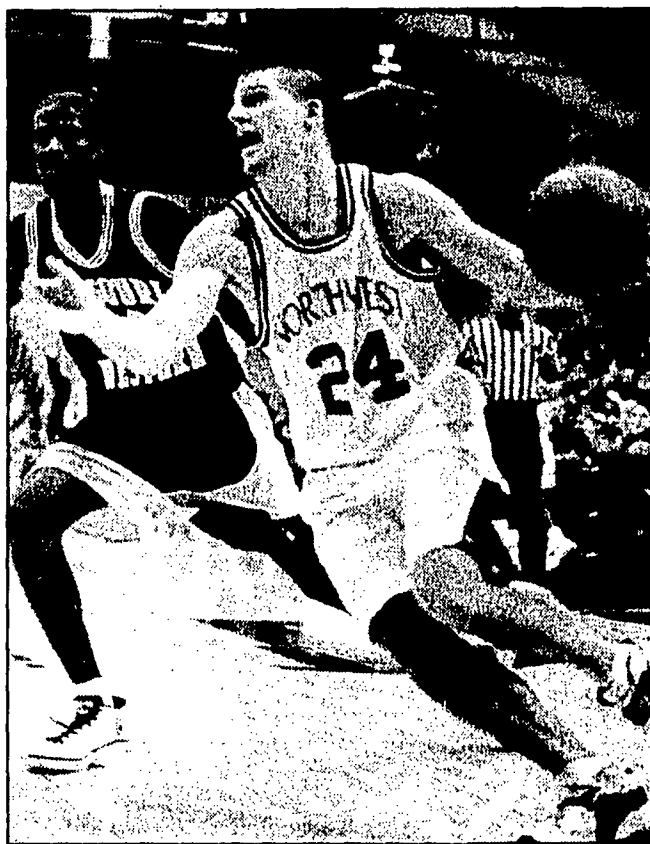
Northwest 62 Missouri-Rolla 53

The Bearcats traveled to Rolla last Saturday for a shootout with the University of Missouri-Rolla (11-6) ballclub and came away with a 62-53 victory.

Tappmeyer said the team played as sharp as it had all season.

"I thought we probably played our best game of the year so far," Tappmeyer said. "They had a big crowd and I thought we kept our composure."

On Saturday, the Bearcats will travel to Jefferson City to battle Lincoln University.



Gene Cassell/Photography Director

Driving toward the baseline, freshman forward Phil Simpson looks for a bucket in last night's 82-71 loss to Missouri Western State College. Simpson was four of six from the field including three of five shooting from three-point range. Northwest leads the MIAA in three-point field goal percentage with .391.

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Wrestlers look to wrap up conference

Maryville to play host to Quad State Classic; down St. Pius Tuesday

by **Chris Gelnosky**

Community Sports Editor

Even though banged up with injuries, the Maryville Spoofhound wrestling team clobbered the St. Pius X Warriors 66-16 Tuesday night in the Maryville High School gym.

Senior Calvin Mathes and juniors Chris Barmann and Jeremy Lliteras were forced to sit out of Tuesday's dual because of injuries, but the 'Hounds proved they could overcome adversity.

Maryville jumped on top, quickly building a 48-0 lead on eight pins. Six of the eight pins were made in the first period, and four of those six 'Hounds won in under one minute into the dual.

"We looked pretty good tonight," coach Joe Drake said. "We came out extremely aggressive, and the kids were looking to pin their opponents

quickly, especially in the lower-weight classes."

The win improved the 'Hounds' overall record to 6-1 and stretched their winning streak to six after a loss in the season opener, but with the injuries, the team still has big tasks in front of it.

Senior Wyatt Dunbar sprained his left thumb last week against Savannah, and Drake said Dunbar has no choice but to have to wrestle with pain for the remainder of the season.

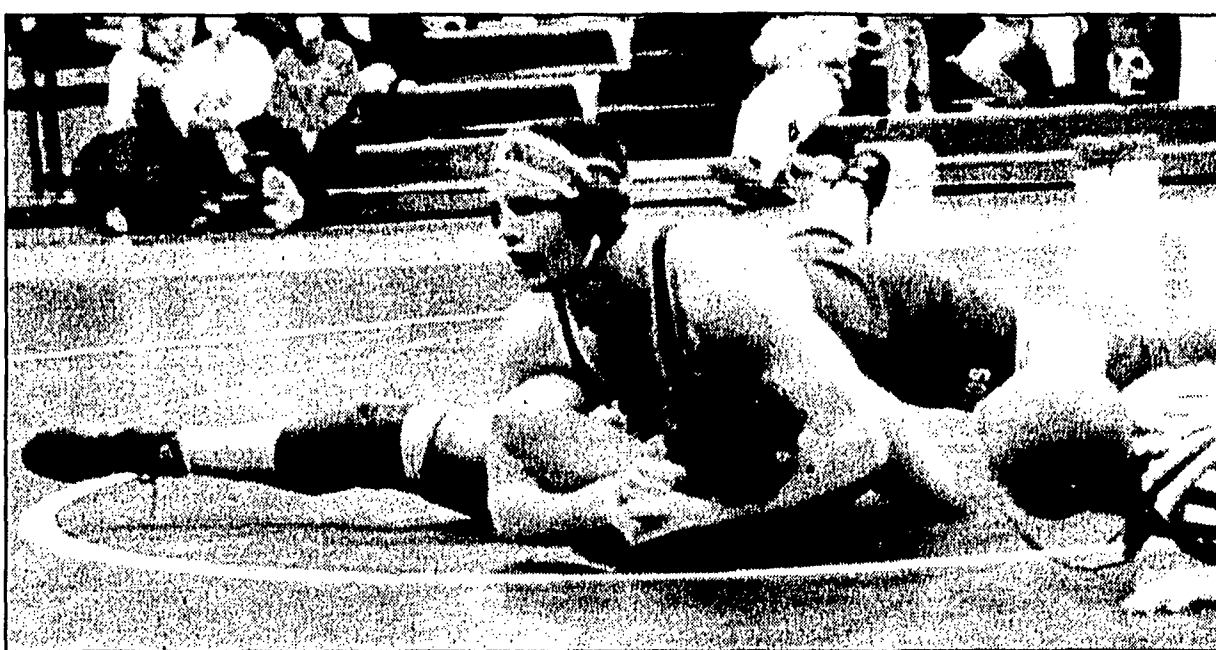
Dunbar and the rest of the 'Hounds will not have much time to relax because they will travel to Chillicothe tonight to square off for the Midland Empire Conference title. The Spoofhounds need a team victory in order to win the conference outright and wrap up their fifth consecutive MEC crown.

"It's always important to beat Chillicothe," senior Jeff Beacom said. "This time it comes down to being the most important dual of the season."

senior Jeff Beacom, Maryville High School 189-pound wrestler

ing the most important dual of the season."

Besides the dual with Chillicothe, the 'Hounds also have the Quad State



Senior Geoff Goudge battled the St. Pius X Warriors' Nick Presco in the 215-pound dual Tuesday night at Maryville High School. Goudge led the dual from the start and finally pinned his opponent with 34 seconds remaining in the third period. Maryville won the first eight weight classes and dominated the dual, defeating the Warriors 66-16.

Jennifer Meyer/Chief Photographer

Classic at 11 a.m. Saturday. Maryville will play host to the eight-team tournament.

The seven other schools traveling from four states include Bedford High School from Iowa, Tri-County and Lincoln high schools from Nebraska, Sabatho High School out of Kansas and Smithville, St. Pius and Cameron

high schools from Missouri.

Beacom said he believed there are disadvantages, as well as advantages, when wrestling at home.

"We don't have to drive anywhere so we don't have that lag after a long drive, and that helps," Beacom said. "When you're wrestling at home you can hear more people cheering you on,

but there's more pressure to win."

Even though the 'Hounds can look forward to their home tournament, Drake said there is other business to be taken care of first.

"First things first — we have to take care of Chillicothe for the conference title," Drake said. "That's all we're worried about."

NBA player alters image of athletes



Chris Gelnosky

Athlete — a person possessing the natural or acquired traits necessary for physical exercise or sports.

That's the definition according to the American Heritage College

Dictionary, but most people have their own definition of the word that doesn't resemble this one.

Professional athletes and professional sports have taken a bad rap over the last decade or so, but the problem has worsened over the past year.

The Dallas Cowboys have been the main culprit with the suspensions of players because of drug use and run-ins with the law — Eric Williams, Michael Irvin and Leon Lett just to name a few.

The most recent incident was in Minnesota when the Chicago Bulls' Dennis Rodman kicked a camera man on the baseline, and he was suspended and fined by the National Basketball Association.

Society has reached the point where it sees these athletes as having bad moral judgement and as being those who only look out for themselves.

Stereotypes have been created for athletes no matter what sport they play, what sex they are and how much money they make.

That's when one athlete made the headlines last week and stepped apart from all other "athletes."

Carlos Rogers, a center for the Toronto Raptors, made the news across the country last week. It wasn't because he was arrested, and he didn't beat up a fan at a game either.

Rogers' 29-year-old sister, Rene, was admitted to the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Mich., awaiting a kidney transplant.

After an unsuccessful operation, Carlos was told by doctors that his sister may not live unless he donated one of his kidneys.

In most cases, a kidney donor is not in any big danger because a person can live with only one kidney, but because Carlos is a professional athlete, the loss of a kidney would cost him his NBA career.

At age 26 and only his third year in the professional ranks, Carlos looked to have a bright future with an expansion team.

When Rene went into critical condition last week, Carlos flew back to his hometown of Detroit to prepare to help his sister.

Carlos said it was a "no brain decision" whether to give up his career or not. He said his sister was his biggest fan, and now it was his turn to be hers.

Even though Rene did not survive her condition and Carlos did not have the opportunity to help his sister, it is still a great story of love between a brother and sister.

So you still think you know the definition of an athlete?

Well, Carlos Rogers rewrote many people's definition in the dictionary, and now it's easy to see how stereotypes are nothing more than just that.

Chris Gelnosky is the community sports editor for the Northwest Missourian.

Boys' basketball squad avenges early season loss to Benton

'Hounds rebound from conference loss at Chillicothe; solid defense leads way to 49-32 win in St. Joseph Tuesday

by **Scott Summers**

Chief Reporter

The Benton Cardinals were the most recent team to have its feathers ruffled by the Spoofhound boys' basketball team, losing 49-32 on their home court.

Maryville has turned its season around recently, winning five out of its last six games and improving its overall record to 11-6 after a sluggish start to the season.

One big factor in the Spoofhounds' recent on-court success has been their tremendous defensive effort.

"I think we played great defense," Kuwitzky said. "Holding them to 32 points on their own floor was a really good effort on our part."

Kuwitzky said his team did exactly what it needed to do to beat the Cardinals.

"We had a pretty good second half of taking care of the basketball, and

we hit our free throws," Kuwitzky said.

The leading scorers in the contest were juniors John Otte and Adam Weldon, each reaching double figures with 12 points.

Although Kuwitzky was very happy with the team's effort, he said the 'Hounds still have some areas of concern to deal with.

"We need to strive to gain some consistency on the offensive end," Kuwitzky said.

Chillicothe 51 Maryville 42

Maryville found out the hard way that Chillicothe is not any easier to beat in basketball than they are in football.

The Spoofhounds traveled to Chillicothe Friday, and the Hornets stung the 'Hounds in a 51-42 loss.

The 'Hounds led by three points at the half but could not keep up the pace with Hornets in the second half. "It came down to two or three

plays at the end of the game," Kuwitzky said. "At the end, we made some bad decisions, and that made the difference."

Junior Grant Sutton led the Spoofhounds in their effort, picking apart the Hornet defense for 13 points.

The 'Hounds will play host to Falls City at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The 'Hounds' next game will be Tuesday when they battle the Lafayette Fighting Irish in Maryville.



Gene Cassell/Photography Director

Senior guard Paula Piveral dribbles between senior Mindy Lager and sophomore Keri Lohafer in Wednesday's practice. The Spoofhounds take on East Buchanan tonight, who are riding a seven-game winning streak.

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Hornets sting Spoofhounds; teams to rematch in 2 weeks

Girls' basketball team preps for home game against East Buchanan

by **Jacob DiPietre**

Chief Reporter

The 'Hounds' last basketball game could easily be compared to David and Goliath, except this time David did not win.

The Chillicothe Hornets, now 12-2, are ranked fourth in the state and are undefeated in the Midland Empire Conference.

Compare that to a relatively inexperienced team who is in the midst of a rebuilding year, and one would think Maryville did not stand a chance. However, the 'Hounds did not give up without a fight.

"I was real pleased with how we played," 'Hounds' coach Jeff Martin said. "We had opportunity at the end of the ballgame to win the game, we just ran out of time."

The 'Hounds, who shot just 29 percent from the field, cut the Hornet lead to five with about three minutes left but were unable to close out the game, losing 46-35.

'Hounds' center Charity Smail, who had been averaging over 20 points per game in her last five games, was shut down to only 12 by the Hornets' defense.

"Every time Charity got the ball down in the low post they would have

two or three people just suck in on her," Martin said. "They made it tough for her. They did a good job on her."

Martin said he was very proud of his team's effort and thinks defense was one of the keys to its success so far in the season.

"We played our best defensive game of the year down there," Martin said. "Chillicothe made 27 turnovers that night."

The 'Hounds, 1-3 in the MEC and 9-9 overall, now turn their attention to the streaking East Buchanan Bulldogs. The Bulldogs have won their last seven games and Martin said the game should be a close one.

"It is going to be a good game; they've got some good players," Martin said. "They have improved a lot, but it is a team we can beat if we play well."

While the team is focusing on one game at a time, Martin is still looking forward to districts which begin Feb. 24.

Maryville has seven opponents on its schedule this season, and Martin said his team can be successful in districts if it puts together a good string of games.

"We feel like whoever wins the district is going to be the team that puts together the best stretch of basketball during the week of districts," Martin said. "We could be one of those teams if we make the effort in all these ballgames and play good defense in all these ballgames."

Maryville Star Athlete



Charity Smail* Senior

Small leads the girls' basketball team in scoring average, pouring in 14 points a game. She also leads the team in free throw percentage, shooting 69 percent from the charity stripe.

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Basketball

Men's MIAA Standings

Conference			Overall		
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
WU	9	2	15	4	.788
PSU	9	2	15	4	.788
CMU	7	4	15	4	.788
MSU	6	4	12	6	.667
ESU	5	5	10	8	.556
MSSC	4	5	7	10	.412
NWMSU	4	6	7	11	.389
TSU	4	6	8	10	.444
SBU	3	7	8	8	.500
UMR	3	8	11	8	.579
LU	2	8	4	14	.222

Women's MIAA Standings

Conference			Overall		
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
WU	8	2	14	4	.778
CMU	8	3	13	5	.722
WU	7	3	14	4	.778
SBU	7	3	13	5	.722
ESU	6	4	13	5	.722
NWMSU	6	4	10	8	.556
MSU	3	6	8	10	.444
UMR	3	7	7	11	.389
TSU	2	7	6	11	.353
LU	0	10	4	13	.235

Northwest Women

Jan. 29 Missouri Western vs. Northwest at Bearcat Arena

Missouri Western (64) Wood 5-15 2-2 15, Marr 9-17 2-3 20, Gittens 3-5 2-4 8, Obersteadt 0-6 2-4 2, Elgin 6-7 0-0 12, Wahlert 0-1 0-0 0, Jackson 2-6 3-5 7, Totals 25-57 11-18 64.

Northwest (63) Folk 4-7 0-0 8, Bohnsack 7-13 0-0 14, Coy 5-10 1-3 11, Feaker 5-9 0-0 10, Cummings 3-9 0-0 6, Wheeler 1-2 0-1 2, Ickes 3-6 2-7 8, Robertson 0-3 0-0 0, Edwards 1-3 0-0 2, Sump 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 30-63 3-11 63.

Halftime Northwest 29 Missouri Western 30. Three point field goals — MW (Wood 3). Fouled out — Bohnsack. Rebounds — NW 36 (Coy 6), MW 41 (Jackson, Marr, Gittens 7). Assists — NW (Cummings 11), MW (Obersteadt 10). Total fouls — NW 18, MW 18. Technicals — None.

Jan. 25 Northwest at Missouri-Rolla Northwest (68)

Folk 3-11 1-4 7, Bohnsack 4-9 0-0 8, Coy 5-11 1-4 11, Feaker 3-7 0-0 7, Cummings 5-9 1-2 11, Wheeler 0-1 0-0 0, Ickes 2-3 2-6, Robertson 1-2 0-1 3, Edwards 5-12 1-2 13, Sump 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 29-68 5-10 68.

Missouri-Rolla (75) Martens 2-10 2-2 7, Johnson 4-7 2-3 11, Hartman 11-14 4-6 26, Mills 4-13 6-9 17, Farmer 2-9 3-5 7, Fischer 2-4 3-5 7, Totals 23-60 16-21 65.

Halftime Missouri-Rolla 36 Northwest 33. Three point field goals — NW (Edwards 2, Feaker, Cummings, Robertson), UMR (Mills 3, Martens, Johnson). Fouled out — None. Rebounds — NW 34 (Bohnsack 10), UMR 46 (Hartman 11). Assists — NW (Cummings 8), UMR (Martens, Farmer 6). Total fouls — NW 23, UMR 15. Technicals — None.

Northwest Men

Jan. 29 Missouri Western vs. Northwest at Bearcat Arena

Missouri Western (82) Parks 7-12 4-4 22, Bristol 1-6 6-6 9, Polk 2-6 1-3 5, Kemp 3-6 0-1 9, Keeler 11-18 2-3 24, Lee 2-2 1-2 7, Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Crittendon 1-4 0-0 3, Steed 2-2 0-0 4, Totals 29-57 14-19 82.

Northwest (71) Simpson 4-6 1-2 12, Burlison 5-14 1-1 11, Jo. Williams 5-10 1-6 11, St. Williams 3-7 2-9, Alexander 0-1 2-2 2, Alford 1-5 1-2 3, Weis 1-4 2-2 4, Glosten 3-10 0-0 6, Redd 5-10 2-3 13, Totals 27-67 12-20 71.

Halftime Northwest 39 Missouri Western 36. Three point field goals — MW (Parks 4, Kemp 3, Lee 2, Bristol), NW (Simpson 3, Redd, St. Williams). Fouled out — Simpson, St. Williams. Rebounds — MW 36 (Keeler 12), NW 41 (Redd 11). Assists — MW 15 (Keeler 7), NW 16 (St. Williams 8).

Jan. 25 Northwest at Missouri-Rolla

Northwest (63) Simpson 4-7 2-3 13, Burlison 3-15 2-4 8, Jo. Williams 1-6 2-4 4, St. Williams 3-6 3-10 10, Redd 2-5 2-2 6, Alford 0-3 0-0 0, Stephens 2-3 0-0 4, Weis 1-4 4-4 7, Glosten

5-9 0-0 10, Totals 21-58 15-21 62.

Missouri-Rolla (53) Smith 7-20 2-4 22, Tompkins 1-5 1-5 3, Kokal 0-2 1-2 1, Fort 1-2 0-0 2, Holloway 4-15 5-5 16, Wade 0-2 0-0 0, Matthews 1-2 0-0 2, Rush 1-4 2-3 5, Pippett 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 16-55 10-29 53.

Halftime Northwest 30 Missouri-Rolla 30. Three point field goals — UMR (Smith 6, Holloway 3, Rush), NW (Simpson 3, St. Williams, Weis). Fouled out — Kokal. Rebounds — UMR 41 (Tompkins 10), NW 43 (Burlison 10). Assists — UMR (Fort 5), NW (St. Williams 5). Total fouls — UMR 20, NW 22.

Men's Division I AP Poll

	Rec.	Pts.	Pvs.
1. Kansas (71)	20-0	1750	1
2. Wake Forest	15-1	1645	4
3. Kentucky	18-2	1623	3
4. Utah	14-2	1456	5
5. Maryland	17-2	1412	7
6. Minnesota	18-2	1399	8
7. Clemson	16-3	1334	2
8. Cincinnati	14-3	1285	9
9. Louisville	16-2	1225	6
10. Arizona	12-4	1066	11
11. Iowa St.	13-3	949	14
12. Duke	15-5	938	10
13. New Mexico	15-3	811	15
14. Villanova	15-5	794	12
15. Stanford	13-3	770	17
16. Michigan	14-5	721	13
17. Indiana	17-4	556	21
18. Colorado	15-4	504	18
19. North Carolina	12-5	456	19
20. Xavier	13-3	370	16
21. Tulsa	13-4	333	24
22. Texas Tech	13-4	274	20
23. Texas	11-5	251	23
24. Marquette	13-3	231	25
25. South Carolina	13-5	129	—

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Showin' off their stuff



At the halftime of the men's basketball game against Missouri Western, the Northwest football team presented the MIAA championship trophy and the Northwest-Missouri Western traveling trophy to athletic director Jim Redd.

Greg Dalrymple/Photography Director

Big 12 Standings

Conference			Overall		
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
SOUTH Kansas	7	0	21	0	1.000
Colorado	7	1	16	4	.800
Iowa St.	5	2	14	3	.824

Nebraska	3	4	11	8
Missouri	2	6	10	10
Kansas St.	0	7	7	10

NORTH Texas	5	2	11	6
Texas Tech	5	3	13	5
Oklahoma	3	4	11	6
Oklahoma St.	3	4	11	8
Texas A&M	2	5	8	9
Baylor	2	6	13	7

MIAA

Schedule

Men's Basketball

Saturday's Schedule
CMSU @ SBU, 7:30 p.m.
NWMSU @ LU, 7:30 p.m.
PSU @ WU, 7:30 p.m.
TSU @ MWSC, 7:30 p.m.
ESU @ MSSC, 8 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Saturday's Schedule
CMSU @ SBU, 5:30 p.m.
NWMSU @ LU, 5:30 p.m.
PSU @ WU, 5:30 p.m.
TSU @ MWSC, 5:30 p.m.
ESU @ MSSC, 6 p.m.

Northwest Women

Jan. 25 at University of Nebraska Open
2nd Weight Throw — Julie Humphreys
3rd 3,000-meter run — Heidi Metz 10:22.47 (new school record)
3rd Triple Jump — Jennifer Griffen
4th 200-meter dash — Brandy Haan 26.17
5th 3,000-meter run — Kathy Kearns 10:47.00
5th Shot Put — Jill Eppenbaugh 44' 3/4"
5th High Jump — Misty Campbell 5'4"
5th 600-meter run — Jaime Riddle 1:38.80
6th 55-meter dash — Brandy Haan 7.35
7th 3,000-meter run — Dana Luke 11:17.28
8th Shot Put — Leslie Dickherber 42' 9 1/2" (provisional NCAA qualifying mark)

Wrestling

Maryville High School

Tuesday, Jan. 28 at Maryville High School Maryville 66 St. Plus X 16

Spoofoound winners: 103 — Justin Dredge, 112 — Mark Anderson, 119 — Jeremy Tobin, 125 — Heath Reynolds, 130 — D.J. Merrill, 135 — Ryan Castillo, 140 — Eric Beacom, 145 — Jeremy Bradshaw, 171 — Chris Barmann, 189 — Jeff Beacom, 215 — Geoff Goudge.

Thursday, Jan. 23 at Maryville High School Maryville 54 Savannah 27

Spoofoound winners: 103 — Justin Dredge, 112 — Mark Anderson, 119 — Jeremy Tobin, 125 — Heath Reynolds, 135 — Ryan Castillo, 160 — Wyatt Dunbar, 171 — Chris Barmann, 189 — Jeff Beacom, 215 — Geoff Goudge.

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Parks & Rec

Basketball

MEN'S "A" LEAGUE

Bank Midwest	3	0
Outback	3	0
Laclede Chain Gang	2	1
Bucks	1	2
Def Jam	1	3
Carter's Pharmacy	1	3
Mavericks	1	3

MEN'S "B" LEAGUE

Sunny Oil	4	0
Bedford's Best	3	1
Foster Brothers	2	2
Arnold Insurance	2	2
Pioneer Homes	1	1
Reed Construction	1	2
NEBS	1	3
Maitland Feed and Grain	0	3

MEN'S "C" LEAGUE

Hardees	2	0
The Buckeyes	2	1
Hy-Vee	2	1
Service Lube	2	2
Fat Boyz	1	1
Comfort Inn	2	2
Kawasaki	1	2
Personal Touch Lighting	0	3

Indoor Track

Northwest Men's

Jan. 25 at University of Nebraska Open

3rd High Jump — Chad Sutton 6' 9"
4th 200-meter dash — Jimmy Jeffrey 22.7
6th Shot Put — Aaron Becker 50' 0"
7th 55 meter dash — Jimmy Jeffrey 6.5
7th Pole Vault — Robby Schuett 13' 11 1/4"
7th Weight Throw — Andy Hallock 40'
7th Mile Relay Team — Jimmy Jeffrey, Ben Fields, Tyrone Bates, Jason Yoo 3:28.55
8th Pole Vault — Justin Langer 13' 5 1/4"
9th 600-yard run — Jason Yoo 1:16.86
10th 800-meter run — Kipp Feldt 2:01.81
11th 3000-meter run — Aaron Kincheloe 9:18.07
12th Mile run — Aaron Kincheloe 4:33.69
15th 1000-meter run — Matt Johnson 2:46.02

Athletic Shorts

Maryville Park and Rec accepts volleyball teams

The Maryville Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registration for the co-ed volleyball program. Registration will be conducted from Feb. 10 through Feb. 21 at the Parks and Rec office (upper level of city hall).

The team fee and a minimum of four player fees with signed contracts are required.

Because of the availability of gym space, the number of teams in each league may be limited to the top eight. Register early to avoid any problems. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 562-2923.

Two Bearcat athletes named MIAA athletes of the week

The MIAA named two Bearcats athletes of the week. In women's indoor track and field, senior Heidi Metz earned the track honor while teammate junior Julie Humphreys earned the field award.

Metz set a school record in the 3,000 meters Jan. 25 at the University of Nebraska Open. Metz finished the run in 10 minutes, 22.47 seconds, finishing third in the event.

Humphreys earned a provisional qualifying mark for the NCAA Division II National Championships in the 20-pound weight throw, placing second at the Nebraska Open. She recorded a throw of 48 feet, nine inches.

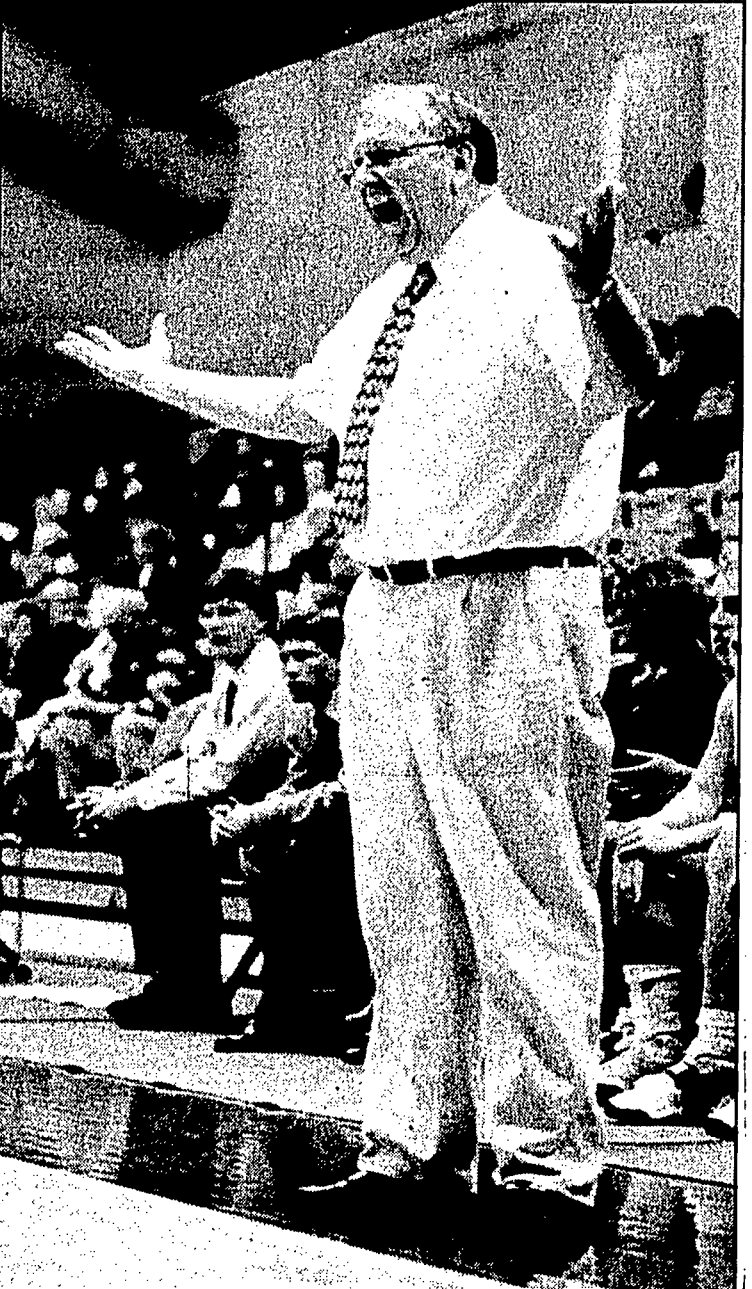
American Football Quarterly honors 'Cats' defensive end

Senior defensive end Matt Uhde picked up another honor this week for his football career at Northwest. Uhde was named to the all-America American Football Quarterly first team as a defensive lineman.

This honor marks the sixth all-America team that Uhde has been named to. Uhde ended his career at Northwest 132 total tackles and 21 sacks.

Uhde was not the only MIAA athlete to be named to the team. Pittsburg State's Bob Goltra, Truman State's Jarrett Anderson, Emporia State's Brian Shay and Missouri Southern's Richard Jordan were also honored.

Say it ain't so



Gene Cassell/Photography Director

Wayne Winstead, women's Bearcat head coach, shows his amazement during the Missouri Western State College game last night. Winstead has posted a 279-214 record in his 18 years at Northwest.

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Looking back, one year later

She spent over a month as a patient in different hospitals at the start of 1996, and now Mercedes Ramirez wants to go back.

As an international business major, Ramirez hopes to someday give to others as an administrator in a major hospital and just under a year ago she couldn't wait to get out of the hospital.

As one of four survivors of an American Airlines crash Dec. 20, 1995, Ramirez suffered serious injuries to her abdomen, and also had a broken thigh and a broken spine that kept her in a hospital in Cali, Colombia, for 10 days and at Truman Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo., for five weeks.

Continuing her journey to give to others, Ramirez is hoping to work for the insurance company, where she has interned since she was in high school, when she graduates in January.

"I like dealing with health care especially since I was in the hospital for so long," Ramirez said. "Since my major is for business, I can see the aspect of paying and such, but then I also see how the patient feels and how they are treated."

Ramirez's extended stay last January was for her recovery after the jetliner crashed in the Colombian mountains on her 21st birthday. The 160 casualties on the flight included her parents Benjamin and Mercedes Ramirez. They were on their way to spend Christmas with family in Colombia.

"The entire experience has forced me to be stronger because if not, I would not have been able to handle going through this situation, either that or go crazy," she said. "It's up to me to overcome my obstacles because I can't really depend on anybody and I use a lot of self motivation."

Giving to Northwest has also inspired Ramirez in many ways. Although she stays busy with a full load of classes, Ramirez also finds time to give tours as a student ambassador, spend time with her Phi Mu sisters and works at the library for her Presidential/Martin Luther King Jr. scholarship.

"This semester will be busy but fun because instead of just doing the regular library job, English teachers will bring their students on certain days to learn to use the computers," Ramirez said. "I will be able to help out with that, and I just love to work with people."

Her ability to work with people has made her time at Northwest not only a positive experience but her second family as well.

"My sister went to the University of Kansas and it was just too big," she said. "I know she felt like just a number because she ended up transferring to a smaller school after her first year. I can't imagine myself at any other school and everybody has just been so supportive since my accident. Teachers who weren't even my teachers sent me cards and you could just tell that people were concerned about me. I can't imagine that if I had gone to a big state school most of the people probably wouldn't even know my name."

Coming back to school was a major motivation for her steps to recovery.

"For a while I used a cane to walk, and some of my friends said to just come to Maryville and everyone knew why I had it, but I was kind of embarrassed to come back like that," she said. "So it was a motivation for me to come back and see my friends as well as coming to as much of a normal state as possible."

Normal is something Ramirez strives and continues to work for.

"My leg still doesn't bend," she said. "I can walk for exercise and do a lot of things that I used to, which includes the Nordic Track, and I used to work with my physical therapy in the athletic department."

Her physical recovery has improved, but the emotional healing has taken time, too. Ramirez relies on her sister Sylvia and Nicholas, Sylvia's son, who live in Girard, Kan., as well as her friends and God.

"I've had a lot of support from my sister and friends, and we just talk about what's wrong and things like that," she said. "It's nice to see that people are willing to be there to listen. I try not to talk about it because I think about the person listening on the other side."

Even though she doesn't like to burden others, Ramirez always makes time for a friend.

"There are only a select few that I do talk to about it and I know they will always be there for me," Ramirez said. "If somebody goes through something like that hopefully



Gene Cassell/Photography Director

they could count on me, too. I could sympathize with them because I've been in their shoes."

Although she has had an enormous amount of support from her family and friends throughout the past year, Ramirez now finds herself a more independent individual.

"I have to do everything on my own now. Either I do it or nothing gets done," she said. "It has made me a stronger person because now I don't have good old mom and dad to depend on to do something for me."

The one-year anniversary of the plane crash was difficult for Ramirez, but she worked, kept busy and spent the holidays with her sister and boyfriend.

She attended a mass in her parents' memories on Dec. 21 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Kansas City. The phone calls never stopped from family and her parents' friends on the tragic anniversary.

"It was hard, but I am just trying to do what I know my parents wanted me to do because I can't put my life on hold," Ramirez said. "They were positive people, and they wouldn't want me to sit around and feel sorry for myself."

Ramirez's plans are to graduate in December of this year and do what most college graduates do — find a job.

"I felt so much support from my teachers after not being here for a semester," she said. "Especially since I came back in the summertime it was an adjustment period of not being in school to having a full load again. It was nice to come back and take two classes and try to get back in the swing of things."

Things are going smoothly for Ramirez, which she credits to the support of her friends at Northwest.

"It was just so nice to see that people cared and still care," Ramirez said. "Every now and then I get little cards to tell me they are thinking of me, which is really nice and it helps."

The extra media attention for her birthday this year didn't help when all the sta-

tions called, but she only did one interview.

"When the interview was done, the lady asked me if I was going to hit all the stations and I said no it's my birthday. I want to carry on as normal," Ramirez said. "I still get phone calls to do this and do that, but I am just trying stay away from all of that."

Although this last year has been quite eventful for Ramirez, her memories of her parents continue to live in her heart.

"One of my proudest moments was when I won a scholarship in high school — it was kind of like they had the debutantes and a competition for the scholarship," she said. "We had to do a dance with our fathers, and so we had to practice for weeks. Every Saturday we had to go with our dads and practice the waltz and where and how to stand. I won first place, and I knew that my parents were really excited."

"It was something I worked for, not like the Royals game, which was a big deal and I was honored, but I really didn't do anything to deserve it — something just happened."

Ramirez loves to spend her very little free time to relax, listen to any type of music and write to her family.

"Everyone has kind of taken me under their wings, so I always get cards and letters from aunts and cousins from everywhere in Colombia and Nicaragua," she said.

A memorial park was made in Colombia in honor of all the people who passed away in the crash. Ramirez plans to visit soon.

"I have never seen my parents' grave, but I know the cemetery because most of my family is buried there," she said. "I have flown a couple of times and I get nervous, but I am not totally relaxed until after the take off and the landings. But I do plan to visit Colombia soon."

This past year has been quite eventful, yet it still leaves Ramirez with many unanswered questions.

"Out of all the people in that flight I wonder why God picked me," Ramirez said. "I still don't know why."

A year in her life

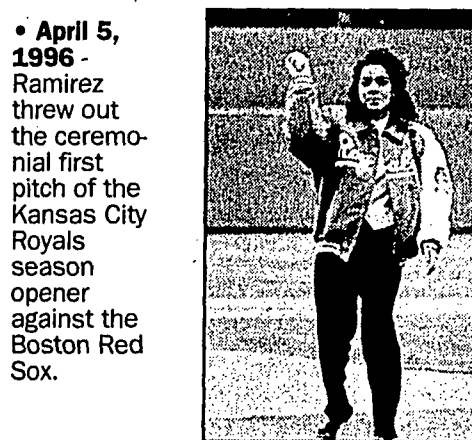
1996 brought both high and low points for Mercedes Ramirez.

• **Dec. 20, 1995** - Ramirez was one of four survivors of the deadly plane crash of American Airlines flight 965, in which her parents, Benjamin and Mercedes were among the 164 killed. She was on her way to spend Christmas with family in Colombia.

• **Feb. 7, 1996** - Ramirez was released after spending five weeks at Truman Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo. Doctors had given her only a 30 percent chance of living after the crash.



• **Feb. 14, 1996** - Ramirez received a 6-foot by 18-foot canvas valentine from Northwest students and faculty. Throngs of people lined up to sign the valentine, including University President Dean Hubbard (above).



• **April 5, 1996** - Ramirez threw out the ceremonial first pitch of the Kansas City Royals season opener against the Boston Red Sox.

• **June 6, 1996** - Ramirez returned to Northwest for summer classes. She said the slower transition back to school made the process easier.



• **Oct. 16, 1996** - Ramirez was crowned Homecoming Queen and was introduced during the Variety Show, the parade and the game.

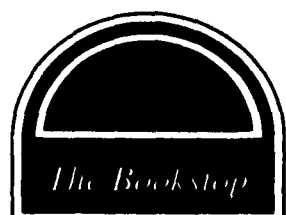


• **Jan. 28, 1997** - Ramirez gives a tour as a student ambassador on campus as part of her normal, busy routine.

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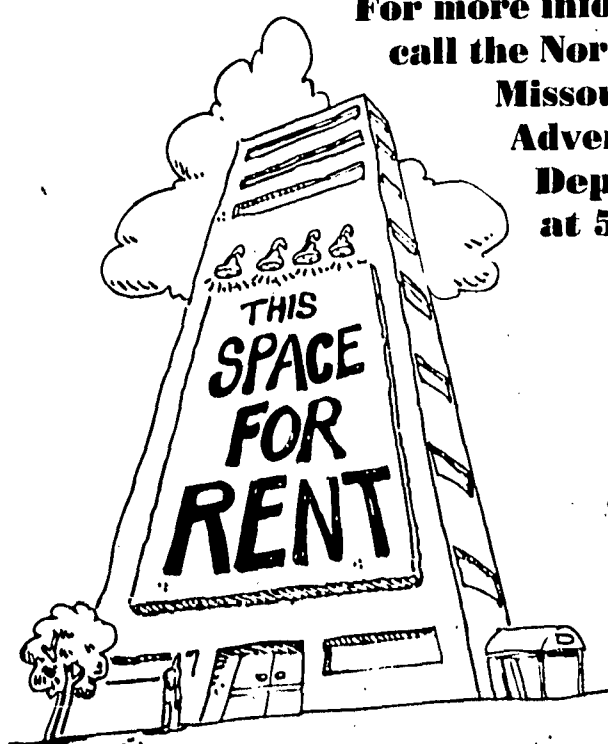
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Special note: Dear Pub owners, is there anyway Your Man can get a special kick back for the number of times your fine, fine establishment was mentioned in last week's adventure? Just curious.

The first week of classes has come and gone and yes, I did manage to make it to most of them. Surprise. But even with the beginning of the semester here Your Man still had his eyes set on something else — the Super Bowl. Or just another excuse for students and me to drink like it was a Friday night. (By the way I did make it to the Pub, but no more free advertisements until I get reimbursed with beer by the management.)

The Super Bowl is a great time, and Your Man has really reaped the benefits of living off campus. You all know how this is an alcohol-free living environment, right kids? Living off campus the past six years has really opened doors of opportunities. Girls in my hole-in-the-wall apartment at all hours of the day, the maid that picks up after me and my messy roomie Fred; and the two car garage that houses my brand new Chevy Camaro. Oh hell, all of that information is for the fantasy column, I'll have to use all that later in the semester.

Anyway, back to reality.

It is hard to watch a Super Bowl game on a 14-inch black and white television set, much less anything else. I do get Showtime free though. Your Man just has to watch between the lines of static. But it's worth it.

However, as pathetic as Your Man's life has been since the day I left the birth canal, there are some much less fortunate than me. My friends Dean and Bob actually wanted to come over and watch the Super Bowl at my one-bedroom shack.

There was an advantage to the bobsy-idiots coming over. They had fake IDs which were used to buy beer for the afternoon, and I wasn't going to complain since Your Man hasn't had money since I left Colden Hall last week. I had been at (insert favorite drinking place here).

So they arrived with the start of the first pregame show at noon and we drank and drank and ate and ate. It was truly a paradise, almost as much fun as a hillbilly at a family reunion. I really don't remember much of the pregame show except for Terry Bradshaw's shining head. (That's not a bald crack, it's

really not.)

But as the game was ready to start, I came to and sat back to watch a NFC butt-kicking. The last time the NFC lost a Super Bowl was when ZZ Top was actually cool. Ironic they were one of the halftime performers, wasn't it?

With the game basically being over by halftime, the commercials seemed to take on a rather entertaining value to an otherwise boring game. It was really bad since Your Man had run out of drinkage.

So with that in mind, Your Man would like to give the "Your Man Ad" of the Super Bowl to the chicken crossing the road Budweiser commercial. I guess it was a good thing those burping frogs weren't anywhere near New Orleans or they could have become an appetizer.

A close second-place award goes to the bomber birds for Nissan. Do birds only come out like that after a car is washed?

The third-place award goes to the new Budweiser caveman series.

A special honorable mention goes to the Pepsi commercial early in the afternoon with the baby and the three super models. That would be a pleasant first memory to have, but unfortunately for Your Man, the first thing I remember is getting slapped. It's kind of like when I ask someone out for a date.

But as the game drew to a close, Your Man thought back to how the Patriots must have felt being the underdogs and then leading for part of the game, then watching it slip away.

I remembered, that has been the story of my life. I am not a loser, I have just been blessed with a substantial amount of bad luck.

Kind of like another bar in town. How was business with the liquor inspector and undercover cops roaming around? Speaking of which, what qualifications does it take to be a liquor inspector? This sounds like a job even Your Man could do without much of a problem at all.

Well, America's Dumbest Criminals are coming on and Your Man likes to look for relatives. Until next week, keep your feet on the ground unless you are running from a greenman in a sidewalk sweeper cleaning the snow off of the ice below.

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Weekly Crossword

ACROSS

1 Field's yield
5 Flat hills
10 Cook
14 The best
15 Of fleecy beast
16 Patriot Nathan
17 Box
18 Peruses
19 Gaelic
20 Makes taut

22 Voided court case
24 French department
26 Debtor's promise
27 Reacts in an angry manner
30 Circles the globe
34 Torn

35 Intended
37 New Deal org.
38 Common abr.
39 "my brother's keeper?"
41 Avail
42 "Miserables"
43 Stat. in baseball
44 Metric measure
46 Rather and Duryea

47 Sutherland of music
49 Apple dessert
52 Obtained
53 Writer Asimov
54 Musical groups
58 Fictitious
62 River in France
63 Swear word
66 Words of understanding
67 Paragon
68 Ascend
69 Tablets
70 Like a fat
71 Cabbage salad

DOWN

1 The players
2 Lasso
3 - even keel
4 Continue
5 Bit of food
6 Holiday time
7 Variety of cat
8 "The King -"
9 School terms
10 Heavenly being
11 Mala -
12 "Born Free" name
13 Touch
21 Superlative suffix

Answers to last issue's puzzle

RAVES ALP BOMB
ODETO PAR AERIE
MONEY SWELLHEAD
ANI PENSIVE
NICKEL TOASTER
SENSATION TOGA
HIT NOTES
CLEW EMITS ODDS
EARL DIGRESSES
TREASON PEARLS
BANDITS MAP
ADVENTURE ALIVE
WIELD CON LINEN
LETS END BLEST

23 Cake
25 Send payment
27 Raise
28 Back: pref.
29 Of Peruvian people
31 Relative by marriage
32 Course
33 Impertinent
36 Atmospheres
39 Apporther
40 Certain exams
45 Series
46 Physicians
48 Jibes
50 To wit
51 "Have a nice -"

54 Witticism
55 - Major
56 On in years
57 Old pronoun
59 Frozen rain
60 -girl!
61 Masticate
64 After deductions

Weekly Events

Kansas City

Jan. 30 - Discover Stars on Ice, Kemper Arena. Show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$26 - \$45.

Jan. 31 - Kansas, Station Casino. Concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 - \$20.

Jan. 31 - World Championship Wrestling, Memorial Hall. Show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$6 - \$18.

Feb. 3 - Dream Factory Celebrity Basketball Game, Kemper Arena. Game begins at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 - \$12.

Feb. 5 - Starship, Station Casino. Concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 - \$20.

Feb. 7 - Marilyn Manson, Memorial Hall. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$20.

Des Moines

Jan. 30 - Nancy Griffith, Hoyt Sherman Auditorium. Concert begins 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$23.50.

Jan. 31 - Feb. 2 - Phantom of the Opera, Civic Center. Friday show begins at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday shows begin at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$26.75 - \$61.75.

Feb. 1 - Extreme Challenge II, Supertoad Entertainment Center. Show begins at 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 - \$50.

Feb. 4 - Type "O" Negative, Supertoad Entertainment Center. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$14.50.

Feb. 4 - 5 - Phantom of the Opera, Civic Center. Shows begin at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$26.75 - \$61.75.

Omaha

Jan. 31 - Ivory Star, Ranch Bowl. Concert begins at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$3 - \$4.

Feb. 1 - Turtle Moon, featuring Bee Bee and The Steel. Concert begins at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$3 - \$4.

Feb. 2 - Type "O" Negative with Sister Machine Gun, Ranch Bowl. Concert begins at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$14.

Feb. 8 - Marilyn Manson, Mancuso Entertainment Center. Concert begins at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 - \$22.

Feb. 9 - Chalk Farm, Ranch Bowl. Concert begins at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$6 - \$7.

Feb. 10 - Cannibal Corpse, Ranch Bowl. Concert begins at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 - \$9.

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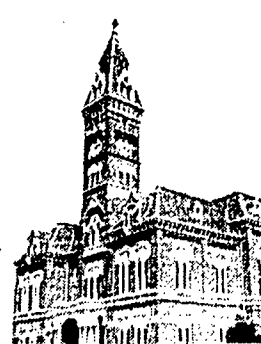
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Northwest receives highest funding

by Jacob DiPietre
Chief Reporter

Northwest will receive more money than any other four-year state school in Missouri from Gov. Mel Carnahan.

The University received a 10.1 percent increase over the amount received last fiscal year. Carnahan suggested Northwest receive an appropriation of more than \$25 million total, which is an increase of just over \$2 million.

As a large part of the increases, \$1.4 million will be used for Northwest's Mission Enhancement proposal. Improving the electronic campus, implementing Culture of Quality to all aspects of the University and developing an educational consortium are all parts of the proposal.

Across the state, funds allotted to higher educa-

tion are down. Sen. Sam Graves, R-Mo., said the reason Northwest received the largest increase is in part because of the continuous lobbying on the part of Graves and his staff and University President Dean Hubbard. Graves said ultimately the decision made by the governor is for various factors.

"I never know for sure what exactly sways the decision of allocating the money," Graves said. "I've complained for a long time that Northwest gets the short end of the deal come budget time; I was tickled to see this turnaround in this year's budget."

Hubbard said Northwest received the desired amount of funds.

"Initially we had asked for the money over three years," he said. "The governor gave us everything we asked for, but he spread it over four years."

Hubbard said the extra year is not a problem and the University is willing to work with the state.

"Personally I feel good about that," Hubbard said. "I want to go on record expressing appreciation for the support we are getting from both the coordinating board and the governor."

While Northwest did receive an increase from last year, there is still not enough money for certain projects. Hubbard said Carnahan did not agree with the Coordinating Board of Higher Education.

"On just simple operating of the University, higher education in general got less than 25 percent of what the board recommended," he said.

Because of the decrease in funds, some concerns have been raised about the amount of renovations being done and the different programs on campus. One of these concerns deals with faculty salaries.

Hubbard said faculty members might not receive what they want now, but the future of the University is more important than their immediate needs.

"I know people on campus are not going to be excited about the prospect of not having a lot of money that will go into salaries this year," Hubbard said. "But the future well-being of this institution has to be more important to us than the immediate portion of the budget that can go into salaries."

Along with salaries, concern has been mentioned about the amount of renovations. Hubbard said the money for renovations comes from a different budget and will continue as planned, except Garrett-Strong which will be delayed for at least a year.

"This is operating money the renovations are (paid for) capital dollars, that's another fund," Hubbard said. "This year we got \$9.6 million, next year we won't get any."

Hubbard said the reason the University is not getting money for renovations next year is that the state will channel more money into the prisons.

Quick reader.

A fast grasp on the situation.

What is happening? Northwest will receive more than \$25 million from the state, more than any other Missouri school.

Where will the money go? A portion will go toward improving the electronic campus, implementing more of Culture of Quality and developing an educational consortium.

Golf proposal dies at Council

by Ruby Dittmer
Community News Editor

A proposal for the construction of a golf cart storage shed at Mozingo Lake died because of a lack of a second motion at Wednesday night's Maryville City Council meeting.

Councilman Bob Huffman presented the Council with the proposal which he, and City Manager David Angerer constructed. The proposed building would have been 50 feet by 99 feet and would have housed 64 private carts and an additional 40 rental carts. Those who rented space in the cart shed would have been required to purchase a season pass for the golf course.

Councilwoman Bridget Brown opposed the shed proposal saying it presented a risk. She also said the city has an obligation to taxpayers to maintain the use of the facility at a high level while maintaining the revenue at the same high level.

Councilman Dale Mathes's main concern was the "total project that we promised the people." Mathes said the city told the people other projects and areas in the park would also be developed as well as the golf course.

"We promised a total picture," Mathes said. "And we've got to keep focused on the total picture."

Some members of the community were not pleased with the Council's decision.

"I'm surprised the city would rather sell individual fees rather than season passes," local resident Mike Foster said.

Huffman was also disappointed but said he will try to pass a similar proposal in the future. He believed there were two other Council members who supported the proposal.

Huffman said he cannot see the half-cent tax used for funding the Mozingo project passing again without the storage shed.

"The golfers of the city passed the tax the first time," Huffman said.

In other news, the Rotary Club of Maryville proposed to build a bathhouse complete with showers and washers and dryers at the Mozingo Lake area. The club asked the city to build the bathhouse and the club

Rallying behind the Bearcats



Greg Dalrymple/Photography Director

At Wednesday's men's basketball game against Missouri Western State College in Bearcat Arena, Northwest fans cheer on the team as the 'Cats went on a big run in the closing minutes of the first half. The Bearcats headed

into the locker room with a 39-36 lead. The second half, however, was not as kind to the home team, as the Griffons went home with a 82-71 win. The loss moves the Bearcats' record to 8-10. See p. 8 for more on the game.

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RESIDENT RECEIVES RECOGNITION

News show honors local

WE ARE MARYVILLE



by Chera Prideaux
Assistant Community News Editor

Last Super Bowl Sunday, football athletes weren't the only ones receiving recognition. St. Joseph's KQ2 news channel featured Dixie McGary along with other northwest Missouri residents who have made valuable contributions to the area.

McGary was recognized for her efforts as the current Nodaway County Humane Society director. She also works on campus as a part-time freshman seminar secretary.

McGary previously was a veterinary technician in Maryville and she also worked for the Nodaway County Humane Society. About three years ago, McGary retired to spend time with her children. The Humane Society asked her to take over the volunteer position of president since she had worked for them in the past.

Part of the reason McGary became involved in helping the Humane Society was to help prevent the mistreatment of animals that she had seen while working as a veterinary technician.

"You would be shocked," McGary said. "The neglect is unbelievable."

McGary's job entails coordinating fund-raisers, overseeing the board of directors, working with the police department, helping educate public schools and providing indi-



Christina Kettler/Chief Photographer

Dixie McGary, Humane Society director, greets Howie, a basset hound, at the Nodaway County Humane Society Wednesday.

vidual counseling of pet behavior problems.

"Everything I do is as a member of a team," McGary said. "We all have our areas of expertise and we work together for a positive benefit."

The Maryville animal shelter was operated by the city before the Humane Society took over the management and operations.

McGary said even though there are many contributors, it is surprising how much money is needed for the upkeep of the shelter.

"I feel extremely responsible for all of the money spent because the funds we receive come out of the goodness of people's hearts, donations, annual dues, fund-raisers and the city of Maryville and Nodaway County," McGary said. "The city has been extremely cooperative and supportive."

Ruhl becomes education dean

by Lindsey Corey
Chief Reporter

Max Ruhl was appointed dean of the University's College of Education and Human Services by the Board of Regents Jan. 22.

Prior to his promotion, Ruhl served as chairman of the Department of Educational Leadership for seven years.

He replaced Joe Ryan, who resigned Dec. 31 after 11 years as dean. Ryan teaches foreign language education classes.

"I really have to commend my predecessor," Ruhl said. "He is leaving the college in a strong position. He showed strong leadership for many years."

Ruhl will have a variety of responsibilities in his new position. The College of Education and Human Services includes the departments of Educational Leadership; Curriculum and Instruction; Health, Physi-

cal Education, Recreation and Dance; Psychology, Sociology and Counseling; and Human Environmental Sciences.

"I'm excited to be working with a terrific, talented, committed, hard-working faculty," Ruhl said. "I have great optimism for the things we are going to accomplish."

Ruhl will hold a meeting for the staff to discuss long-term goals.

"I'd like to focus their attention on teaching," he said. "They have a lot of other responsibilities, but teaching is the most important and deserves the most time."

Ruhl plans to make sure the faculty doesn't fall behind.

"I will focus on aggressive staff development," he said. "We need to continue to train them to be aware of the latest issues and trends in teaching."

Ruhl thinks the students will benefit by using the latest technologies available.

"The students should have as many op-

portunities as we can give them," Ruhl said. "We need to prepare them for multimedia teaching."

He said that he would also like to increase the number of students who are placed in diverse settings for student teaching.

"We are preparing students for classrooms across America," Ruhl said. "They need to know how to handle all ranges of students."

He plans on congratulating faculty and students when they do well.

"I want us to celebrate the success of the students and faculty," Ruhl said. "They need to recognize that good things come from hard work."

The Department of Educational Leadership conducted an internal search to fill Ruhl's past position as chair. As dean of the college, Ruhl will make the final decision.

EC+ will not continue as it is now

Though pending Regents OK, University plans to start next evolution of computer program

by Scott Summers
Chief Reporter

"We are in the process of looking at the options we have," provost Tim Gilmour, said. Even though final decisions about the EC+ program are still pending, EC+ will not continue in the same facet that it has over the last two years.

The Board of Regents will discuss the program during its February meeting and debate what changes will be made.

Gilmour said if the new program is approved by the Board of Regents, the University would not abandon the students who have already purchased the notebook computers.

"We would do everything we can to maintain our commitment to those students," Gilmour said. "That includes offering some courses in an EC+ mode, and we may do some other things."

Northwest will continue to have the objective of getting technology into the classrooms and giving students a chance to utilize that technology.

Douglas Martin, assistant professor of psychology, sociology and counseling, said EC+

was a very beneficial program to the students and teachers involved.

"I liked using the computers in my classroom," he said. "It helps the teaching process."

Gilmour said the University will continue to put teacher stations in the classrooms and it is discussing the idea of creating a center for the development of applications.

"We will continue our program to supply all of our faculty over time with notebook computers to use in the classroom and outside of the classroom," Gilmour said.

EC+ is still a great concept, Gilmour said, but the Board of Regents is looking for ways to make it more accessible.

"The major shortcoming of EC+ was the cost," Gilmour said. "What we're doing is evolving the program into something that will serve more students and, frankly, is a little bit more cost effective."

Martin believes if EC+ is sinking, it may be because Northwest was trying to bring the program along too fast.

"I think perhaps we were a little ahead of our time," Martin said. "Over time (notebook computers) might get as inexpensive as a pocket calculator."

If the prices continue to drop over time, Martin thinks more students would be willing

"The major shortcoming of EC+ was the cost. What we're doing is evolving the program into something that will serve more students and, frankly, is a little bit more cost-effective."

Tim Gilmour, provost

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OurView

OF THE CAMPUS

Food prices on campus are still very expensive

After the holiday season, most people are checking their budgets and counting every last penny just to make ends meet.

For some commuting students this is not the only time money is tight, because paying for food on campus has many eating and spending sparingly.

Only \$200 is allotted on a commuter's food plan. For many commuters, money runs out quickly and it seems this is mostly the result of high food prices or not enough money on the plan.

For a simple meal, consisting of a sandwich and drink, one spends around \$5 — about the same as a meal eating out. It is often a lot cheaper to go home and make a sandwich, but for some students who have to be on campus all day, this simply isn't feasible.

Students with regular meal plans often end up with extra money at the end of the semester. Why is it that commuters have so much trouble making meal money last?

A single piece of fruit costs \$.60, whereas one can buy at least five at the grocery store for the same price. A 12-ounce bottle of water costs a dollar, at the store, a gallon of distilled water costs \$.73. A Rice Crispy treat is over a dollar, and a pan of them at home costs less and lasts longer.

A croissant box containing carrots, grapes and a sandwich costs \$3.90, which is more than an extra value meal at McDonald's and it doesn't come with a drink. Two bagels and a container of cream cheese cost \$3.50, and to many students these prices seem outrageous.

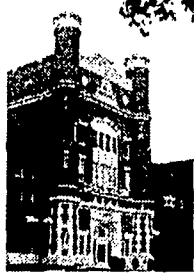
Campus Dining has valid reasons for the costs. It seems much of the cost comes from prices of equipment such as dish washers and the price of labor.

Prices are competitive with local fast-food restaurants. For instance, a 32-ounce drink is \$.10 cheaper on campus than at McDonald's or Hardee's.

But for those who would rather eat at home, feel free to do so. If time does not permit a trip home, and you are forced to eat on campus, the prices are as they stand.

Campus Dining is willing to hear the complaints of the concerned. If students want change, they must go through the proper channels. Contact Campus Dining and make an appointment to discuss your concerns with them, or join the Campus Dining Committee of the Residence Hall Association. Make your voice heard where it will count, or stop complaining.

Though it seems there is no solution for the pricing problem, some more effort to attempt to find a common ground would be appreciated.



OurView

OF THE COMMUNITY

Bond issue shoots for seventh time around

After six unsuccessful attempts at passing a bond issue, the Maryville R-II School Board is hoping that seven will be its lucky number.

Unfortunately, this bond issue, even armed with a difference over the last six, will need all the luck it can find in order to be passed.

First things first: The Board recently changed the location of the proposed middle school after enduring many residents' complaints. Instead of the much-maligned piece of land adjacent to the University on the northwest side of town, the proposed middle school would be built on a 30-acre lot southeast of the high school.

This change is an attempt to offset voter complaints that having a school near the college would not be accessible to students, or that college students could prove to be a bad influence on the school children.

In addition, the new site will prove beneficial for both students and parents because transportation and bussing will be more convenient.

A survey conducted in August showed that nearly 50 percent of respondents thought the old site was unacceptable. In changing sites, the Board has at least taken one argument away from voters.

However, the new location may not be the solution that will change the

bond's outcome. The most prevalent and important reason this bond has continued to fail is that Maryville residents do not want to foot the huge bill that constructing a new school will undoubtedly bring about.

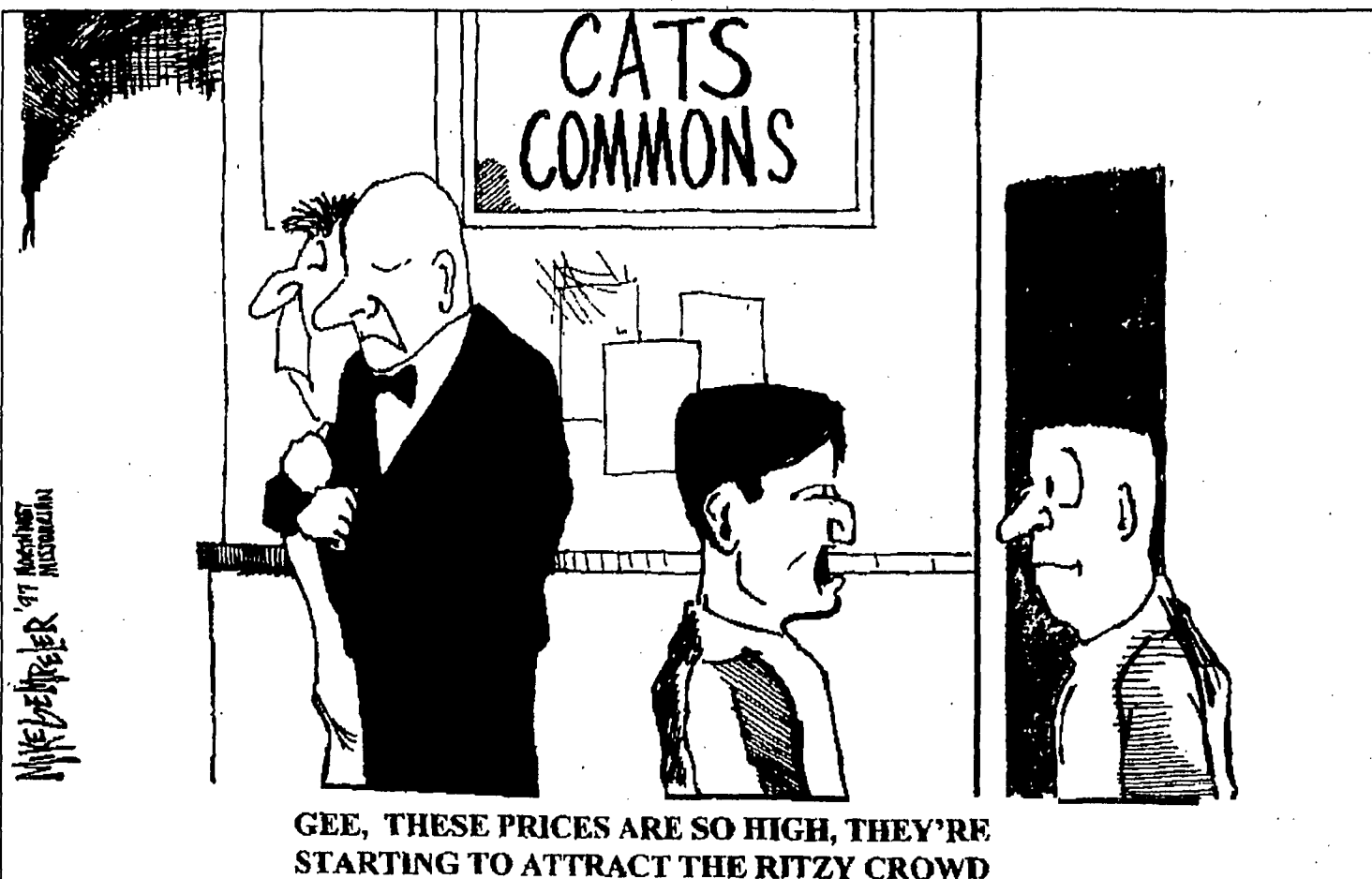
The ironic thing is, the longer we wait to pass this bill, the more expensive it will be.

In the last proposal, the cost was \$6.2 million. This time, the cost has gone up to \$9,485,000 even though 40 percent of those responding to the survey found the previous \$6.2 million bill unacceptable.

Only 15 percent of participants said they would be willing to pay between \$100-125 in additional taxes per year for a new facility. The majority of property owners would have an increase of between \$80-125 under this proposal, board member James Redd said.

With each bond issue, voters have demanded the best of both worlds. In the survey, 89 percent said they believed a new facility should be built, but whenever it came down to cost on the questionnaire, they were always in favor of the cheapest solution.

Now that the Board has given in on one concern — the location — it's up to the voters to compromise just as equally and accept the fact that new schools cost money, regardless of how little we'd care to pay.



MyTurn

Intersection should signal change



Lonelle R. Rathje

Some drivers on Highway 71 have a pure disregard for defensive driving

The sun was beginning its timid peek through the clouds as I was enjoying a calm, serene winter day. Even George Strait, as I recall, was singing me a song on the car radio.

God bless George. The day had the typical winter components: Slush, cool temperatures and the like — even a slow farmer in a red truck.

To be specific, it was a 1996 Chevy.

Nonetheless, it was Dec. 27, and I was slowly edging out of my scenic, two-story hillbilly residence on North Dewey.

Dodge never intended Lonelle's Daytona to brave the rough and tough Missouri winters; however, it was pulling through like a trooper.

And Lonelle was likewise being a trooper — driving carefully, as always, to the malls to tackle the onslaught of post-festive shoppers.

Armed with monetary supplements and an optimistic attitude that I would indeed find the perfect sale, I graced the U.S. Hwy. 71 bypass and headed south to the greatness of Kansas City.

Greatness was my quest; however, near terror was what I found.

For the record, the posted speed limit is 60 mph along the bypass. Lonelle was traveling a steady 50 mph inlement weather conditions, as calm as they were that day, should still signal caution for any driver — regardless of how well drivers believe their vehicles handle.

Then it happened — right at the

Hwy. 71 intersection by Kawasaki. An event that was to place my world into a two-second tailspin.

I always slow down when I approach this intersection, as I had done on this occasion. Time after time I have seen too many "defenseless" drivers turn onto Business 71 with pure disregard for the southbound traffic.

Whether drivers turning onto Business 71 have no concept of just how close oncoming traffic can reach them, I have no idea.

However, I do know this: The '96 Chevy sat in the turning lane for several seconds, watched as I approached, turned toward Business 71 and then stopped in my lane — as if he just saw me and didn't know what to do. I was within two yards of hitting him before he sped up and onto Business 71.

My driving excursion to my post-festive shopping was suddenly scarred.

By the time I slammed on my brakes, it was a near hit. My car entered into the world of spinning 360s and settled to a stop in the middle of the intersection.

Where was the red Chevy? Off on his merry way into the 'Ville.

I'm quite aware I sound bitter about this, particularly when there was no property damage or injury involved.

However, what makes me bitter is that I see potential accidents at that intersection frequently. Not tailspins like mine, but the speed misjudgment

of oncoming traffic.

Maryville Public Safety said the intersection sustained only eight accidents since the bypass opened in 1994 — none of which proved deadly. On average, 15-25 accidents happen per month within the city limits.

In light of the latter, the eight sounds miniscule. However when speed is taken into consideration — highway speed compared to the speed in town — the intersection could prove deadly if drivers do not exercise caution.

Lonelle's solution? Not signal lights at that intersection, but a flashing caution light.

A spokesperson from the Missouri Department of Transportation said general criteria it takes into consideration when placing traffic lights is not only the amount of traffic, but also the traffic turning movements. Individuals, as well as cities, are welcome to voice road concerns to the department for further investigation.

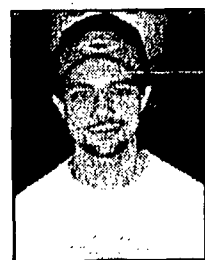
My first inclination was to voice my opinion about placing signal lights at the intersection, however, after the transportation department said such lights placed on roads where drivers would not expect to see them would be a safety hazard.

In essence, must we wait for a deadly accident to occur before we enact change?

Lonelle R. Rathje is the Editor in Chief of the Northwest Missourian.

NorthwestView

Motherly advice rings true for freshman



John Kizilarmut

Never turn your cheek to a mom-ism

I was never one to listen to my parents. When my mother told me, "college is going to take some getting used to," I blew it off as just another mom-ism. You know, like "your face will stick that way," or "try it, you'll like it."

Well, I still don't eat brussels sprouts, and luckily, my face didn't stick that way.

However, on my way to class, one of mom's predictions finally came true.

Dressed in enough clothing to hold a garage sale, I headed off to the Fine Arts building. Being careful to avoid the many dangers of the newly funded Northwest tractor pull, I held my breath to not inhale any of the greenish gas. It has been rumored to impair your reproductive abilities. Suddenly, as my vision was restored, I realized that mom was right — college is an adjustment.

By now, most of us are fully adjusted (or re-adjusted) to the odd hours and the new food groups that are related to college life.

However, there are a few things about home I have been taking for granted.

First of all, not all of the dishes are crescented with the Bearcat emblem, there is room in my fridge for a whole gallon of milk, and my coffeepot makes fresh, hot coffee.

There are more than two outlets in my house. In fact, there are more outlets in the kitchen alone. The water is fresh and clear, and tastes like, water.

Speaking of water, when I take a shower at home, there is not the slightest chance of boiling hot water to suddenly come out of the shower head with absolutely no warning. I really miss that.

About the bathroom, I have never

had to revive a drunken, vomiting teenager who has nearly died while blowing bubbles in my toilet for three hours so that I can use it.

Lastly, I really miss my front lawn. Who would have thought that a bunch of green grass could have such sentimental value. But my front lawn is special — it still has its virginity.

It has never seen a whole case of empty beer cans, or smelled of cow feces. It is just fresh, green, happy grass, resting comfortably under a fluffy winter blanket.

Well, mom, this time you were right. Feel free to come down to tell me "I told you so." You can find me on ice skates, headed past the library on my way to another class.

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Headline misleads

Dear editor,

Your story that you titled "Hit and run victim suffers head injury" is misleading to your readers. When you title it "hit and run" readers will think that the driver left the scene of the accident, which was not the case. I think that you should be more careful in your choice of wording for your headlines, so that you are not misleading your readers.

Sasha Small,

pre-pharmacy major

Atmosphere upsets

Dear editor,

I wanted to comment on the atmosphere of a certain place in Maryville, that being the Leaded Bean. My cousin attended Northwest two semesters ago and told me about a great place called Gourmet Pleasures. He suggested I go because it was a nice place to meet up with friends, do some studying or listen to good music

such as Toni Braxton, Seal, Madonna and other artists.

Instead, when I got here last semester, all I found when I walked into the Leaded Bean was that I was being judged because I represent a "normal" looking and acting customer. There never seems to be anyone who will come up to me and start a conversation or ask to play a game. This is sure different from other coffeehouses which have been a lot friendlier. Perhaps Maryville should reconsider having such an establishment if it isn't going to be offered right, or if the town isn't going to offer an alternative to the "grunge" scene.

Patrick Holt,

Independence, Mo.

Give blood donation

Dear editor,

For anyone that has not given a blood donation, please read why you will want to try Feb. 6. There should be a good response to such a wonderful project. For anyone

that has not given before and has thought about it, please donate.

There are six reasons to consider a blood donation:

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6. Giving blood gives you the best feeling.

Call if you have any questions or want to make an appointment.

The Maryville Business and Professional Women's Club is sponsoring the 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Feb. 6, bloodmobile at the First United Methodist Church at First and Main.

Shirley Miller, Business and Professional Women's Club bloodmobile chairperson

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Because of space constraints, please limit your letters to 200 WORDS. We have the right to refuse and to edit letters.

Letters must be signed and include the author's name, address and day and night phone numbers. They are due Monday by 5 p.m. to be published in that week's edition.

Correction:

In the Jan. 23 issue of the *Missourian* a front page story on Marilyn L. Mulkins was incorrectly labeled as a "Hit-and-run." The *Missourian* regrets the error.

In the same issue on the front page, Sue Schenkel, Eugene Field Elementary School principal, was misidentified as Bev. The *Missourian* regrets this error.

MaryvilleView

Partying does not need alcoholic ingredients



Bridget Brown

Recent summons shows lack of responsibility

Over a year ago, after much discussion and with a great deal of participation, the City Council made it illegal for anyone under the age 19 to be on the premises of a business whose major source of revenue was the sale of alcohol. Generally this compromise decision met with approval of a wide range of residents. Naive as it may seem to some of you, I accepted the input of students under the age of 21 who pleaded that they had no intention of breaking the law by drinking underage, but wished to "be with friends." Bar owners of some of your favorite places have taken the law and its consequences seriously. I hope you are doing the same. Recently there were a number of summons issued to persons under the age of 19 in local bars. Is that grumbling I hear? "Not fair. There's nothing else to do. We can't have house parties."

A.) Life is not fair. B.) Get a life.

There's more life than a local tavern. C.) House parties can happen quite legally with no alcohol and no disturbing the peace. Some of the same people who told me as we were deciding this issue they just wanted to hang out with their friends, not break the law were also the ones saying, "Hey, without alcohol there is no party."

Risking serving up a sermon I ask you to look around and see the destruction of lives the abuse of alcohol is causing. You may not have to look as far away as you think. My cooperation is giving any of you a head start in the land of irresponsibility is not an intentional one.

Please respect the law, be responsible enough to do what you are asked. Be 19 or 20 before you visit the bars to hang with your friends and do not drink until you are of the legal age. Do not blame the bar owners or the police for you getting caught breaking the law. Responsibility begins

right here with the letter "I." The bar owner keeping you out becomes unpopular and the one letting you in becomes popular when you blame him for your choice to break the law and pay the fines. That bar owner risks more than popularity. They risk losing the right to do business with anybody at all.

If each of us makes ethical choices, we contribute to greater freedom by restricting ourselves rather than begging external restriction. There are so many ways you can and will test your wings in these college years. I hope your thirst for changing the world you have inherited extends to more significant issues than this one. Pick your challenges to law carefully, not by breaking the law but by changing it or choosing to obey it.

Bridget Brown is the mayor pro-tem of the Maryville City Council.

MyTurn

Making sacrifices for love is a big investment



Christina Kettler

As Valentine's Day approaches, watch out for Cupid's arrow

It's that time of the year when Cupid starts madly snapping his love arrows at couples around the world, pursuing his goal to make people "fall in love." But are you prepared for this Valentine's Day?

I know what some of you are thinking. You've watched Cupid's arrow zip past you and hit someone else and wonder if this Valentine's will be any different from the rest. Well, don't get discouraged. I've seen Cupid mistakenly miss me too. But after being hit hard with one of his love arrows this year, I believe that there is hope for everyone.

However, poor Cupid may be thinking otherwise. I mean, look at how the world deals with love and the opposite sex. We've even got books telling us how to understand each other, how to fall in love or how to build a lasting relationship. Let's be rational — we will NEVER understand the opposite sex. Instead, we need to just accept how the other acts and feels, without getting aggravated.

Sometimes love just doesn't work out or it just wasn't with the right person. Don't blame it on Cupid, even he makes mistakes.

Another possibility is the one miraculous feat that everyone claims is infeasible — Love at first sight. Your eyes met and then you unbelievably heard yourself say, "I'm not ready to get involved" or "my life is too busy for love." Needless to say, Cupid has his work cut out for him this year. Now that planners are found in every school bag and briefcase, society shouldn't have any problem writing in a time to fall in love. Chill out everyone. It was during the third century when Christianity was being persecuted that

Roman Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage, claiming it decreased a young soldier's desire for war. Despite the emperor's decree, a priest and physician by the name of Valentine secretly continued to unite couples in holy matrimony. On Feb. 14, Valentine was beheaded for his compassion and commitment to Christianity and young love. According to legend, lovers around the world have been celebrating the memory of Valentine ever since and it's about time that we do the same.

Like Christmas, we're forgetting the true meaning of the holiday. Valentine's Day isn't about gifts, it's about telling your boyfriend, girlfriend, family, friends and maybe even your dog that you love them. Although roses, candy, love letters and even diamonds (go get 'em girls) are great to get.

Remember how easy it was to like someone in grade school? I would do anything to go back to the second grade where we made valentine card holders out of old shoe boxes and all week we would secretly slip Batman or Barbie valentines into someone's box. Exhilaration and a sugar high would rush through me as I would rip open the cards one by one during our Valentine's Day party.

"You're out of this world Valentine" or "Will you be my Valentine?" piled up on my desk. If I was really lucky, I would get at least one card from a boy that said "I like shooting rubber bands at you" on the back. Those were always my favorite because my mother said when a boy picked on you, that's when he really liked you. Oh, how love used to be so easy and cute. Now that we are older it's more

difficult to get excited about opening a card or falling in love. Insecurity, fear and a painful past keep us from falling head over heels in love with somebody. All three of these elements kept me from getting involved in the past. If it wasn't for them I wouldn't have fallen in love with who I'm with now. After a year of learning to understand and put up with my ever-changing hormones and allowing me to accept the idea that someone can love me, I realized that all along I was just meeting the wrong guys.

I believe there's someone out there for everyone. Someone who will forgive you countless of times and never remind you of it, who is always concerning themselves with your happiness and who only wants to share every minute of his or her life with you.

For some of you like myself that have found that special someone, don't ever let them go and let them know this February 14 just how much you love them.

Maybe take this day to give mom and dad or grandma and grandpa a call just to say I love you or look back on the things you've taken for granted in the past and find it in your heart to start believing in love, family and God again.

As part of a poem from an anonymous writer said "To believe is to embrace the value of a nurturing heart, the innocence of a child's eyes and the beauty of an aging hand, for it is thought their teachings we learn how to love."

I love you all and have a Happy Valentine's Day.

Christina Kettler is the chief photographer for the Northwest Missourian.

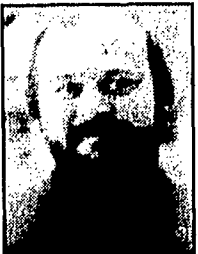
IT'S YOUR TURN

How will the location for the new school site affect your vote on April 1?



"I don't think the new location will make that big of difference because the fact remains that the people of Maryville don't want to pay more taxes."

Steve Welbleun, Maryville resident



"I don't think it is necessarily a question of location so much as taxation. People are tired of being taxed."

John Campbell, Peak Entertainment owner



"I think it would be better than the other plan because it is more in the same area and they can overlap by using the same facilities at different times. We can save a lot of money and I think the children would be safer in just that one spot."

Doris Swalley, retired Maryville resident



"I think we possibly need a new school, but I do not think they are telling us everything we need to know."

Joseph Swalley, retired Maryville resident



"I hope that it results in a more positive outcome at the schools. I don't think the new location down by the high school is any better than the location they currently have, but I hope that it will be a positive change to enough people that it will pass the issue and I will support it at either location."

Jeff Funston, Field's clothing owner

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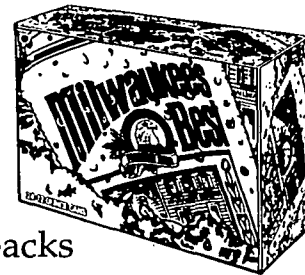
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OBITUARIES

Billy Farnsworth

Billy Jean Farnsworth, 23, Bethany, died Jan. 24 at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo.

He was born Sept. 19, 1973, to Gale and Mary Farnsworth in Albany. Survivors include his mother; two uncles; his foster mother, Barbara Henderson; three foster sisters; three step brothers and two step sisters.

Services were Jan. 28 at Johnson Funeral Home Chapel in Stanberry.

Olive Still

Olive Still, 76, Maryville, died Jan. 24 at the Kansas University Medical Center in Lawrence, Kan.

She was born May 10, 1920, to William and Helen Ireland in Liverpool, England.

Survivors include her husband, Marion; two daughters, Helen Moorhead and Linda Livengood; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were Jan. 28 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

Maxine Haynes

Maxine Haynes, 78, Maryville, died Jan. 27 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born June 5, 1918, to Charles and Ethel McClurg in Maryville.

Survivors include two sons, Don and Richard; one grandson and two brothers.

Services were Jan. 29 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

Catherine Mattson

Catherine Barbara Mattson, 96, Conception Junction, died Jan. 29 at LaVerna Heights in Savannah.

She was born Apr. 4, 1900, to John and Frances Schieber in Clyde.

Survivors include three sons, Henry, Edward and John; two daughters, Frances Worley and Loretta Henry; 36 grandchildren; 74 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; one brother and three sisters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 1 at St. Columba Catholic Church in Conception Junction.

NEW ARRIVALS

Erin Nicole Florea

Dwight and Sue Florea, Maryville, are the parents of Erin Nicole, born Jan. 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and joins two brothers and one sister.

Grandparents are Paul Lynch, Maryville, and Orville and Mary Florea, Pickering.

Danae LeAnn Schieber

Darrell and Sheila Schieber, Conception, are the parents of Danae LeAnn, born Jan. 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and joins one brother and one sister.

Grandparents are Maurine Wiederholt and Jerry and Rita Schieber, all of Conception.

Luke Allen Andrews

Allen and Robin Andrews, Grant City, are the parents of Luke Allen, born Jan. 21 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and joins one brother and one sister.

Grandparents are Don and Sherrie Schottel, King City, and John C. and Jo Andrews, Grant City.

Lane Force

Darwin and Lisa Force, Sheridan, are the parents of Lane, born Jan. 23 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and joins one brother.

Grandparents are Doy and Shirley Allee and Charles and Joanne Force, all of Sheridan.

CAMPUS SAFETY REPORTS

January 21

A student living in Dieterich Hall reported the theft of personal property from his room.

Campus Safety officers were called to Hudson Hall to check on the well-being of a student who was found to be all right.

January 23

A student from Millikan Hall reported that she received harassing phone calls. The complainant declined to prosecute. The incident is currently under investigation.

The smell of burning plastic was in the Union because food service equipment malfunctioned. The problem was corrected.

January 24

A fire alarm was activated in Perrin Hall because dust fell into the alarm by the use of custodial equipment.

January 25

A student from Richardson Hall reported that when they returned from break, there was property missing from the student's room. The incident is currently under investigation.

BRIEF

Chamber plans for spring Home and Garden Show

The Maryville Chamber of Commerce is planning a Home and Garden Show from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, March 8, and noon until 4 p.m. Sunday, March 9, in the Maryville High School gymnasium. As of now, space is limited to Chamber members only, but after Feb. 16, anyone may reserve space for

booths. For more information contact the Chamber.

The Chamber also hosted its annual banquet recently and several awards were presented.

The MCCA Outstanding Project Award went to the Host Lions Club. Harley Kissingner was given the Special Recognition Award, the Spearhead Award went to Joyce Cronin, Afton Schmitt received the Good Citizen Award and the Distinguished Service Award was given to Helen Jenkinson.

January 20

An officer took a report from a Maryville female who said while her vehicle was parked in the 2800 block of South Main a radar detector, compact disc player, CD bag and several CD's were taken from her vehicle. Following an investigation, a flashlight and knife were taken from a vehicle, owned by a Maryville male, in the same location. And another Maryville female said an AM/FM radio was taken from her vehicle in the same area as well. Charges are pending following further investigation.

January 21

Fire units responded to the 200 block of East South Hills Drive after a call about a possible explosion in the furnace. There was no smoke or fire upon arrival. Occupants said they heard a noise coming from the furnace room and when they opened the door a ball of fire rolled out of the burner area of the furnace. The fire ball was a flash type of fire and it self-extinguished. No damage was done and the gas was shut off.

January 22

An officer responded to the 300 block of South Main about a fight. Upon arrival he observed two male subjects who were separated and identified as Nathan D. Andrews, 21, and Jeremy T. Weir, 22, both of Maryville. They were both issued summons for affray. While talking with witnesses, the officer was informed that the two subjects, while fighting, had broken out a large pane of glass in front of the building.

Jeffrey L. Wilmes, 35, Maryville, was arrested on charges of assault following an incident in the 300 block of South Saunders where he apparently struck a Maryville male and female. He was released after posting bond.

While on patrol in the 300 block of West Fourth Street, an officer stopped Kelly D. Thompson, 18, Maryville, for driving over the posted speed limit. After running a check on Thompson, the officer found she had an active

warrant from Polk County for speeding. She was released after posting bond.

January 23

A Maryville female reported that while she was shopping her purse was stolen when she went to another aisle. She was later contacted by the owner of the business who found her purse. After checking it, she discovered some checks had been removed.

Michael G. Driskell, Maryville, and Donald K. Johnson, Independence, were both pulling onto U.S. Hwy 71. Johnson stopped and his vehicle was struck in the rear by Driskell, who said he could not see the brake lights on Johnson's car. A citation for failure to yield was issued to Driskell.

January 24

Officers responded to the 400 block of North Buchanan after a complaint about a fight. Upon arrival they observed several subjects running to vehicles. The vehicles were stopped and after talking with several subjects, summons for affray were issued to Edward W. Baker, 20, Maryville, Shannon T. Gould, 19, Lexington, and Brandon M. Shepherd, 19, Maryville.

Officers assisted Liquor Control agents with liquor violations. The following subjects were issued summons for being under 19 years of age inside a bar: James N. Klintigh, Jaclyn N. Dierking, Lisa G. Hopkins, Joshua D. Burns, Taunya P. Winters, Brandon L. Vanorden, Anna K. Hall, Jacob A. DiPietro, Charity M. Chavez, Nancy K. Luers, Jodi L. Cox, Chad J. Gastler and Katharine F. Counter, all of Maryville.

Liquor Control agents informed an officer that while checking identification at a local establishment two male subjects had given them someone else's license. Summons for obstructing a police officer by providing false information/possession of another person's driver's license were issued to James A. Warren, 19, Maryville, and Christian P. Robinson, 20, Spring Lake, Mich.

COUNCIL

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would repay them yearly with a minimum of \$2,000 until the club had paid for the cost of building the facility. The Council approved the proposal with a 5-0 vote and the bathhouse should be completed by July 1.

Happenings in Jefferson City may also have a direct effect on Maryville, Angerer said. Currently there are nine bills that would repeal or eliminate the sales tax on food. Angerer said this would be bad for the city.

"Twenty-five percent of the sales tax income comes from food tax," Angerer said.

The city manager also estimated that this would eliminate \$282,000 in municipal dollars and \$140,000 from the Mozingo Lake project.

Angerer is going to write a letter to local representatives expressing the cities' concerns with the proposed legislation.

The next Council meeting will be 7 p.m., Feb. 10, at City Hall.

EC+

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to get involved in the program.

If the Board of Regents gives approval to the new direction the program is heading in, students may still want to buy the notebook computers. "Students who are in upper-division courses where there is a need for computer applications will find a notebook computer as a good option," Gilmour said.

Gilmour said the EC+ program did not fail in its mission.

"We still believe that what we achieved in the classroom with EC+ represented some real steps forward and confirmed that it had real value," Gilmour said.

Gilmour said he believes the Uni-

After being informed by Liquor Control agents an officer issued Mathew W. Demoss, 19, Kearney, a summons for minor in possession.

While checking identification at a local establishment, an officer discovered the driver's license of John T. Gilbert, 20, West Des Moines, Iowa, had been altered. He was issued a summons for possession of an altered driver's license.

Officers and Liquor Control agents were checking identification at a local establishment and issued summons for being under 19 years of age and inside a bar to the following persons: Gretchen E. Dale, 18, Savannah, Amy E. Randolph, 18, Maryville, Jeremy D. Jones, 18, Arnold, Angela M. Irlmeier, 18, Maryville and Melissa R. Cleveland, 18, Kansas City. Karissa L. Jewett, 18, Blue Springs, was also issued summons for being under the age of 19 and in a bar and possessing another's driver's license.

An officer issued a summons to Meena M. Ewing, 18, and Richard N. Combs, 18, both of Maryville, for minor in possession and being under 19 years of age and in a bar, after being informed by Liquor Control agents of the offenses.

Kysa L. Cook, Maryville, was stopped at a posted stop sign at the intersection of Market and Fifth streets. She entered the intersection and was struck by Cathy J. Bowen, Maryville, who was traveling north on Market. A citation was issued to Cook for failure to yield.

Cara D. Dierenfeldt, Maryville, and Kathleen M. Stoll, Ravenwood, were traveling west on Hwy. 136. Another vehicle in front of Stoll was turning and struck traffic to stop. Dierenfeldt struck Stoll's vehicle in the rear. Dierenfeldt said she could not stop because of ice. No citations were issued.

January 25

Officers responded to the 300 block of West 12th Street on a complaint of a loud party. Upon arrival, they observed several subjects holding cups of alcoholic beverages. Summons for

minor in possession were issued to Heather L. Wetzel, 19, and Jerral J. Fuller, 19, both of Omaha, Neb. The occupants, Dominic E. Alberti, 19, and Shaun B. Oriley, 19, were both issued summons for peace disturbance and supplying alcohol to minors.

Todd P. Maugh, 20, Diamond Bar, Calif., was arrested on charges of larceny and minor in possession following an incident at a local business in which a bottle of tequila was taken without being paid for.

Jimmie E. Sheridan, Quitman, and Rebecca S. Hanna, Maryville, were both traveling north on Main Street. Hanna stopped in traffic and her vehicle was struck in the rear by Sheridan. A citation was issued to Sheridan.

Impact occurred as Zachary A. Schiller, Defiance, pulled from a private drive onto Dewey Street and slid on ice striking Brooke L. Bartels, Tiffin, Iowa, who was parked. A citation was issued to Schiller for careless and imprudent driving.

January 26

McCaren A. Cummings, 18, Maryville, was arrested on charges of larceny and minor in possession following an incident at a local business in which a bottle of vodka was taken without being paid for.

January 27

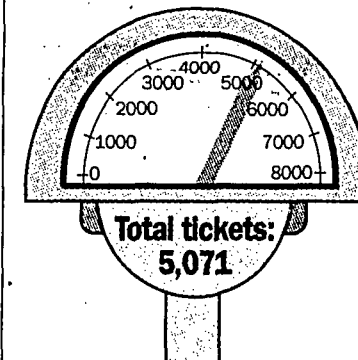
Officers responded to the 200 block of Park Avenue on a complaint of a peace disturbance. Contact was made with the occupants, Kendra D. Michl, 22, and Julie A. Holloway, 23, who were both issued summons for permitting peace disturbance.

Phillip Volner, 33, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for motion to revoke probation.

Travis N. Garton, Maryville, was traveling south on Main Street. David E. Divine, Albany, was preparing to exit onto Main Street from a private drive. Garton slid on the ice and struck Divine. No citations were issued.

Ticket ticker

How many parking tickets have been given so far this year? Check the ticket ticker each week for the total tally of citations.



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Dear Prospective Member:

Liberia should have a special place in the conscience of the United States of America. Its impetus to become a nation came from the United States. For 149 years, it was a stalwart ally of the United States. Yet for the past years, as a civil war has taken almost 200,000 lives, displaced more than two-thirds of the population and destroyed its infrastructure, the United States has treated this great tragedy as a regional problem.

Liberia has a unique historical and cultural link to the United States. Settled by African Americans, many of them former slaves, in the early decades of the 19th century, Liberia became a republic in 1847. The United States influence on Liberia is reflected in the African nation's constitution, the star and stripes of its red, white and blue flag, the structure of its government, the names of its cities, its schools' curriculum, its official language and the remarkable degree of good will its citizens feel toward America. Through all the major conflicts of the 20th century, Liberians been among the most dependable allies of the United States. In both World War, Liberia declared war on the enemies of the United States and offered vital air bases, ports, and natural resources to support the United States military. During the Cold War, Liberia voted with the United States on every significant resolution at the United Nations. It hosted facilities for electronic monitoring and became the largest base for United States intelligence-gathering in Africa.

Yet when Liberia's security was most at risk because of civil conflict the United States government deferred to ECOWAS, an under-funded regional organization composed of some of the world's poorest nations. Half of the \$10 million earmarked by the United States to support a peacekeeping force had not been committed by April 1996. Meanwhile, the cost to the United States of responding to the humanitarian crisis since 1990 has been emergency relief assistance valued at over \$445 million, over \$66 million provided in the past year alone, more than eight times the amount committed to peacekeeping.

In the absence of a viable security plan, the torrent of refugees continues to undermine Liberia's relations with its immediate neighbors. Though the United States has imported those nations to admit Liberian refugees, its own record of Liberian admissions decries the long relationship with that nation.

The approach to achieving peace in Liberia has revolved around the ECOWAS process for six years. This process has, in turn, been dependent on a core group of ECOWAS nations with the will and very limited resources to engage in diplomacy tour to committee forces for peacekeeping. Fourteen peace agreements have been largely brokered without the United States and other international parties, such as the United Nations or OAU, present with ECOWAS as working partners at the negotiating table. The result of this agreements and the resources, and leverage, necessary for successful implementation, produced the tragic results that we have witnessed in Liberia.

On August 17 the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) concluded meeting that provide a new timetable for the peace process. Starting August 20, the warring factions are to observe a cease-fire, dismantle checkpoints and withdraw from zones of combat. The peacekeeping force, expanding from 8500 to 18,000 troops, is to deploy throughout Liberia in November. Demobilization is to be completed by January 31. Elections are to be held on May 31 with a turnover to an elected government on June 15. The revised plan calls for sanctions against members of the warring factions that obstruct the peace process. Sanctions include restrictions on travel, freeze on economic activities, exclusion from electoral process, and war crime charges.

Now the United States has another opportunity to assert its international leadership at a critical juncture to ensure that the success of the new peace process. This leadership will not lead to an involvement of United States troops. It does mean that the United States must heighten its diplomatic efforts to help coordinate the process of peace and gather the funding that is necessary for effective peacekeeping and demobilization in Liberia.

The United States should take the necessary steps to ensure that its commitment of \$30 million to support the ECOMOG peacekeeping force is obligated before the end of the fiscal year 1996. While the United States pledge of \$30 million is a step in the right direction it will not alone enable a doubling of ECOMOG to the 18,000 troops necessary for deployment by November. It is vital that the United States provide additional funds to make up this shortfall or take the lead to obtain significant pledges from other donor countries. A top priority of the United States should be the implementation of a serious program for demobilizing Liberia's combatants. Regretfully, no additional funding has been pledged by the United States to improve what was an inadequately funded and designed demobilization plan. In fact, some of the funds allocated in early 1996 for reintegration of Liberia's 60,000 combatants have been diverted elsewhere. The United States should take the lead in designing a comprehensive demobilization program. This program will not involve United States troops, but should include the resources for every stage of demobilization from encampment to training and counseling of combatants. A contribution of \$20 million (non-food related) from the United States will provide the resources necessary to initiate a well conceived demobilization program and encourage future contributions from other international donors.

President Clinton and the United States Congress must make Liberia a priority on our foreign relations agenda in Africa. United States leadership is critical if the key elements are to be achieved on schedule under the new peace plan. This leadership will not lead to an involvement of United States troops. It does mean that the United States through its Special Envoy, must heighten its diplomatic efforts to coordinate the implementation of the peace process and gather the additional resources necessary for effective peacekeeping and demobilization.

The United States should strengthen the response of the international community to the needs of the peace process. The foundation for a new international approach to the peace process already exists with the International Contact Group for Liberia, the group of donor countries that have pledged support to the peace process. The concept behind the ICGL should be expanded to a tightly coordinated partnership that includes the United States, ECOWAS, and the United Nations. This high level of cooperation will ensure that scarce resources are effectively utilized.

The outbreak of fighting in Monrovia in April-May of 1996 was the latest in a series of clashes in Liberia's intractable war. During the past nearly seven years, the war has produced shocking humanitarian conditions for Liberian civilians. The most recent fighting exacerbated even further these conditions. Humanitarian assistance organizations have been unable to deliver food and other emergency services because of the fighting in Monrovia. Their resources looted by gangs of combatants and the safety of their relief workers threatened, these organizations closed or dramatically reduced their operations in Liberia.

As a result of the civil war in Liberia, an estimated 800,000 Liberians are internally displaced; another 800,000 are refugees in neighboring countries that are among the poorest in the world. Approximately 50 percent of the population in Monrovia, upwards of 350,000 persons, were forced to flee their homes due to the April-May fighting and another 3,000 died. During June-July some 3,300 new cases of cholera were reported in Monrovia and a July survey found malnutrition rates for children in displaced shelters have increased up to 25 percent. Now that the dust of the Civil War in Liberia is settling down, an era of a NEW LIBERIA is at hand. Whether anyone likes it or not, a leadership is bound to emerge, supposedly to shoulder the national responsibilities of politics and administration and to ensure the continued survival of the Liberian people and culture.

That such leadership will be genuine and committed is a matter that you as Liberians and friends of Liberia can decide, or at least influence. But choosing national leadership is a serious and difficult business. In Liberia, bombed-out homes and shops are painful reminders of what happens when leaders are chosen unwisely. We cannot allow this to happen again. This is why the Liberian Social Justice Foundation is campaigning for PEACE, SECURITY, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL AND POLITICAL JUSTICE IN LIBERIA.

The Liberian Social Justice Foundation has carefully examines the administrative and operational policies of both the past and present administration in Liberia, and in our candid opinion, much more needs to be done to help Liberia go in the direction she needs to go. We as Liberians must try to have a positive influence on the selection of the national programs and the corresponding leadership which will inevitably affect our lives and the lives of our people for many year to come.

My fellow Liberians and Friends of Liberia, the Liberian Social Justice Foundation has embarked on a mission to ensure that PEACE, UNITY, SECURITY, FREEDOM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE prevail in Liberia. This is an awesome responsibility that can only occur if we cooperate as a team. History will judge us not by what we say, but by what we do. With God and the determined mind, there is nothing we cannot achieve for our Liberian Society. It is in this light that I urge you to support and contribute to the Liberian Social Justice Foundation's programs.

Liberia, the African nation established in the 1800s by freed American slaves, has been torn by civil war since 1989. What does the Liberian Civil War mean to Americans in terms of health care, humanitarian relief, stability throughout Africa and the continuation of missionary work? If you share in the dream of peace in Liberia, a country founded upon American ideals, you are invited to become more informed by writing to the LIBERIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION, POST OFFICE BOX 31438, CINCINNATI, OHIO 45231. (513) 931-1872.

I am writing to introduce you to the Liberian Social Justice Foundation, Inc., a broad-based social nonprofit organization. The mission of the LSJFI is two-fold: we are dedicated to restoring a just and stable society in Liberia, and to improving the quality of life for all Liberians, both at home and abroad.

On behalf of our members, I appeal to you for financial assistance in support of LSJF activities. An application for membership is included which contains a breakdown of membership fees. Please know that any amount you can contribute will be helpful to us. Your support of the Foundation, and your awareness of its concern is deeply appreciated. Should you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to write us or call. Thank you for your time, your contribution, and your generosity. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Liberian Social Justice Foundation, Inc.

Best regards,

Edwin G. K. Zoedua
Executive Director/Chairman

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Faces of hunger in Liberia

Liberian children await arrival of a food convoy in Tubmanburg, 50 miles north of Monrovia. The city was cut off for months by fighting. People surrounded the trucks Wednesday when; when bags of wheat were opened, they grabbed handfuls and ate it uncooked. **World/A8**



Committees plan Trimester dates

by Wendy Broker
Chief Reporter

Trimester discussions are expanding through campus and until the University finds the money, the committees will continue to meet.

A major asset to the trimester is the year-round usage of the campus, but it can't be decided until Gov. Mel Carnahan and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education distribute the money.

Annette Weymuth, executive assistant to the president, said until the legislators decide, the project is in limbo.

"If the legislators are willing to give us money for heating and cooling to make the campus usable year-round, why wouldn't we take advantage of it?" Weymuth said.

There are still many questions unanswered, and hopefully the interviews will answer some of them, Weymuth said.

"We need more information right now," she said. "We are not ignoring questions, we are just asking questions in a sequential fashion."

Committees will begin conducting interviews with other public colleges that use the trimester system.

"We will be contacting 10 universities as part of an investigation into the advantages and disadvantages of trimesters, for the students, faculty and campus facilities utilization," Weymuth said. "We are also asking about many potential problems and how they dealt with them."

Merry McDonald, professor of computer science and information systems, and the other calendar committee members have already gathered information from other campuses to create three sample calendars.

"We took sample calendars from other schools and took what seemed to work for them and implemented it in ours," she said. "We intend to look at more, and get more feedback from the faculty on the ones we already have. Right now, it's just a feasibility study."

McDonald said a trimester schedule would cut breaks students have become accustomed to.

"If you are trying to do three semesters in a year, it's inevitable to shorten breaks, though nobody likes it," she said.

Weymuth said the calendar and many other factors will be discussed once options have been discovered.

"We will have focus groups involving student, faculty and staff, to help show us what they want," she said. "We want this to be positive. We will try our very best to meet the needs of everyone."

The needs are being considered by several committees.

"Our committee's job is to figure out how we can provide for students and their academic needs," VanDyke, dean of libraries and chair of the academic and curriculum committee, said. "This could involve rethinking the sequence of classes, and when to offer them, a real shaking up of something we have become used to. Our group has submitted our concerns in the form of a four-page document."

VanDyke said the committees are analyzing each part of the project.

"We are looking at advantages and disadvantages with our needs in mind," she said.

Trimester calendar proposals:

Trimester Calendar I	
Fall/Spring terms: 16 weeks	University is awaiting approval of funding for trimester program which is expected in May. Until then, the University is researching the pros and cons found by other universities with trimesters in effect.
Summer term: 3, 5 week sessions	
Breaks with 4 or 5 days per week	
Breaks with 5-week Summer sessions:	
- Between Fall and Spring: 16 days	
- Between Spring and Summer: 10 days	
- Between Summer and Fall: 10 days	
79 days in the Fall trimester	
79 days in the Spring trimester	
75 days in the Summer trimester	

Trimester Calendar II	
Fall/Spring terms: 15 weeks	
Summer term: 3, 5 weeks	
Breaks with 5-week Summer sessions:	
- Between Fall and Spring: 16 days	
- Between Spring and Summer: 6 days	
- Between Summer and Fall: 17 days	
75 days in Fall trimester	
74 days in Spring trimester	
75 days in 5-week Summer trimester	

Trimester Calendar II (Variation)	
Fall/Spring terms: 15 weeks	
Summer term: 3, 5 weeks	
Breaks with 4 1/2-week Summer sessions:	
- Between Fall and Spring: 16 days	
- Between Spring and Summer: 6 days	
- Between Summer and Fall: 26 days	
75 days in Fall trimester	
74 days in Spring trimester	
68 days in 4 day - 4 1/2 week session	
68 days in 5 day - 4 1/2 week session	

Christy Collings/Design editor

Work opportunities abound at Career Day

by Wendy Broker
Chief Reporter

All of us are searching for something — happiness, love and money. Students are either looking for summer jobs, internships, or in the case of seniors, permanent job placement.

Career Services is having Spring Career Day from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 11, in the Union Ballroom to help with this search.

A Teacher Placement Day will be held April 29 for education majors.

The businesses attending will offer opportunities to students to find a job.

Businesses ranging from sporting good stores to the FBI will be showing their wares in hope of finding future employees.

Career Services send over 3,000 invitations, but only 80 businesses come because of space, placement clerk Jeni Crowder said.

"Gateway 2000 and Sprint are new this year, and we have a few that are adding to the list each day," Crowder said. "If we do have 80, it will be the biggest we have ever had."

Crowder said Career Day, despite popular belief, is not just for business and agricultural majors.

"The reason several majors are not represented is because there is not

enough student attendance from people in those majors on Career Day," she said. "However, many of the business companies are not just looking for business majors. It is important to see what they are looking for. You might be surprised."

Crowder said Career Day has helped students find employment in the past.

"Last year, 15 were placed and that doesn't count internships," she said. "The two days after are booked solid for interviews, but many businesses are looking for upperclassmen and the turnout is mostly freshmen and sophomores."

Career Services recommends students dress appropriately for the event.

"Many businesses in the past have complained that students dress too casually," Crowder said. "This is a little more serious than going to class, you could get hired, so you should present yourself in a professional manner."

Increased student attendance at Career Day would increase the probability of more businesses attending in the future, Crowder said.

"A lot of businesses come because of the past interest shown in their field," she said. "If we could show the interest in more areas to entice companies, more may come."

UNIVERSITY BRIEFS

Financial aid recipients have application deadline

Continuing Northwest students should have already received their 1997-98 financial aid renewal applications.

Students should bring the applications to the financial assistance office in 108 Thompson-Ringold to have them electronically processed.

If continuing students have not received their applications, they should pick one up in the financial assistance office.

Broadway show attracts mature audiences only

Northwest Encore Performances is bringing the national tour of "Kiss of the Spider Woman" to the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center for one show at 7:30 p.m., Thursday.

Single admission tickets for the seven-time Tony award-winning hit are available at the Student Services Center from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The original Broadway production is based upon the motion picture of the same title which won William Hurt an Oscar for Best Actor for the role of Molina.

Reserved seats are \$15 for orchestra seating and \$12 for balcony. There are no children's seats available for the show. Tickets may also be purchased by calling (816) 562-1212.

National society awards student elite scholarship

Matt Kitzi, a senior international business major from Lake of the Ozarks, was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the National Order of Omega.

Kitzi received one of 50 scholarships worth \$500 awarded this year. More than 124 applications were received for the scholarships.

The Northwest chapter of Order of Omega has had a national scholarship winner five of the last six years.

Order of Omega is a national honorary for men and women in Greek letter fraternities and sororities.

Bush receives new title, maintains duties

by Juliet Martin
Assistant University News Editor

The job he does has not changed, but his title has.

Bob Bush, formerly the vice president of applied research and the institute for quality productivity, is now the University's vice president for regional initiatives.

Under Bush's leadership, Northwest has worked with state agencies, school districts and corporations to maintain relationships within the entire region of northwest Missouri through numerous projects.

Some of these programs include the Healthy Communities project

which focuses on improving the quality of life in northwest Missouri; the Biomass project and the recent formulation of the Northwest Missouri Education Consortium, which helps bring post-secondary education to people throughout the region.

Bush also works with the Missouri Western State College graduate center and helps to facilitate distance learning projects through the campus in St. Joseph.

A familiar face locally, Bush works in departments such as Campus Safety, CD ROM technology which helped lead to the EC+ program and University grant writing for faculty and staff.

Nancy Baxter, University grants director, works with Bush and said the new title helps define Bush's department.

"It's perfect," she said. "It appropriately identifies what he has been doing for years."

Baxter also said the title should raise awareness of the applied research department.

"New projects should come this way because people recognize the importance of supporting regional initiatives," Baxter said.

Bush said a critical issue facing northwest Missouri is the decline of opportunities for members of the community once they have completed their college degree.

"This region needs to diversify if we are going to survive and this institution has a direct relationship to that," Bush said. "We want to provide opportunities which can be shared with everyone throughout the region and can benefit from them."

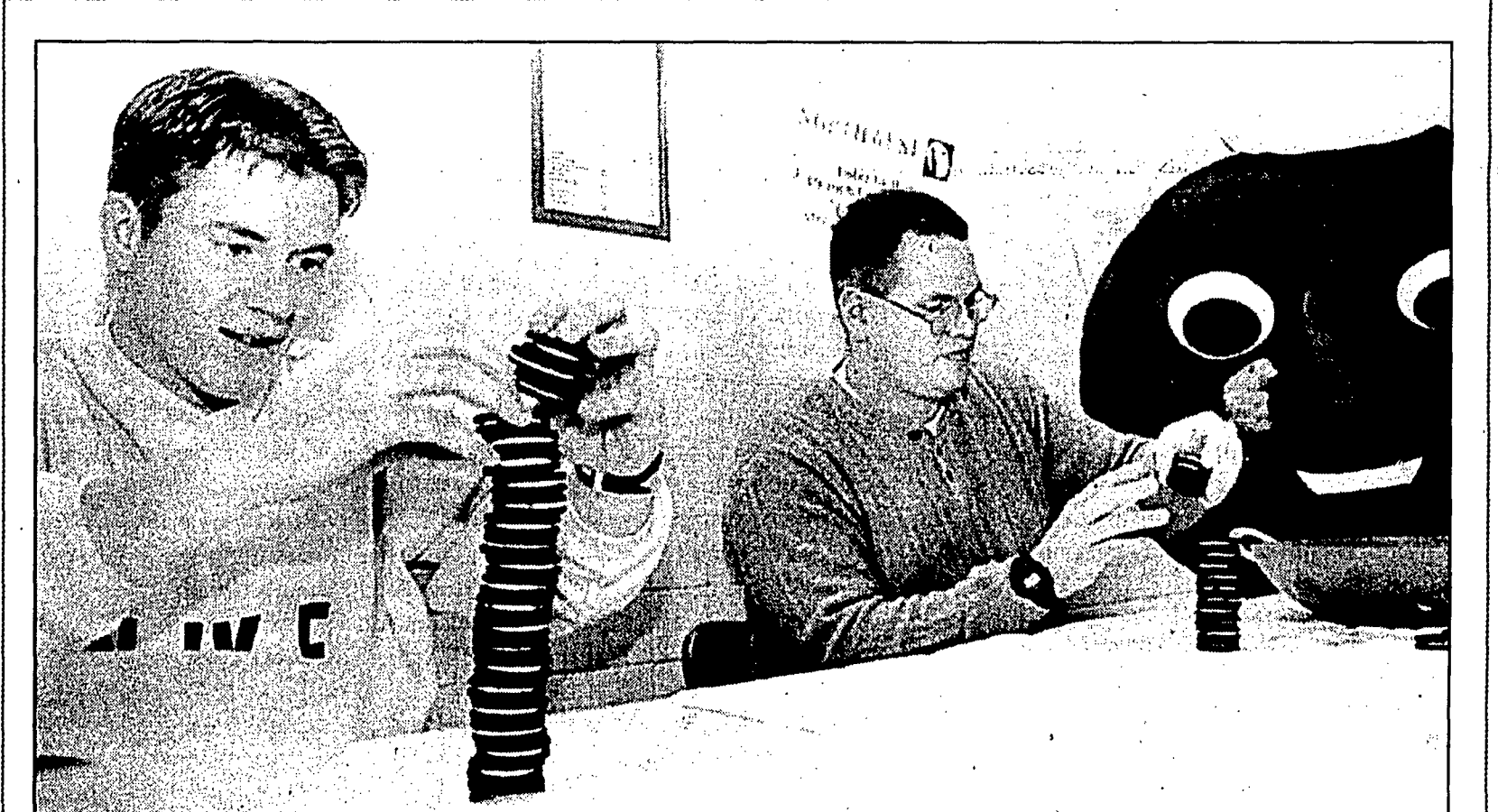
Bush said the new title has been evolutionary and the third one at Northwest.

"I have a very fascinating career with lots of variety and new ideas," Bush said. "I'm very fortunate, I've always felt like I've had one of the best jobs in northwest Missouri."

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

Friday, Jan. 31
Graduate student payday
Educator's Day, Union Ballroom
4 p.m., LDSSA meeting, Northwest Room
7, 9:30 p.m., CAPS film: "The Associate," Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
7:30 p.m., Lab Series, Charles Johnson Theater
Saturday, Feb. 1
8 a.m., C-Base test, 232 Garrett-Strong
6 p.m., Women's basketball at Lincoln, Jefferson City
8 p.m., Men's basketball at Lincoln, Jefferson City
Sunday, Feb. 2
5 p.m., Delta Chi cabinet meeting, chapter house
6 p.m., Sunday supper, Wesley Center
8 p.m., NRHH, Governors Room
9 p.m., Delta Chi executive board meeting, chapter house
Monday, Feb. 3
ABC Hall of Fame
9 a.m., First semester senior assessment, Regents Room
2 p.m., Senior orientation workshop, Governors Room
3 p.m., Intro to E-mail, electronic lecture room
5 p.m., Intramural 5-on-5 basketball camp, 102 Martindale Gym
5 p.m., Intramural basketball officials, 102 Martindale Gym
5:30 p.m., Women's basketball at Missouri Southern, Joplin

5:30 p.m., Graduate Forum, 310 Administration Building
7:30 p.m., Men's basketball at Missouri Southern, Joplin
Tuesday, Feb. 4
9 a.m., First semester senior assessment, Regents Room
12 p.m., Videotape presentation, Conference Center
2 p.m., Senior orientation workshop, Governors Room
3 p.m., Internet short course, Electronic lecture room
6 p.m., Alpha Mu Gamma and Phi Sigma Iota, Ballroom
Wednesday, Feb. 5
12 p.m., Intramural 10-point pitch league
2 p.m., Interview skills workshop, Governors Room
3:30 p.m., Greek Week committee meeting, Dug Out
4:30 p.m., Student teachers for fall, Union Ballroom
5:30 p.m., Women's basketball at Emporia State, Emporia
7:30 p.m., Men's basketball at Emporia State, Emporia
Thursday, Feb. 6
8 a.m., CLEP, GED and MAT exams, 120 Wells Hall
7:30 p.m., "Kiss of the Spider Woman," Mary Linn



Geography major Landon Shaver and history major Christian Hornbaker pile up Oreo cookies Tuesday in the first floor of the Union. The winner of the

week-long "Oreo stack" will earn an opportunity to win a television. The contest has rotated through all of the campus dining facilities.

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Costs increase on snow removal

by Joni Jones
Announcements Editor

With the recent snowfalls, the city of Maryville has been doing everything possible to keep the streets clean and safe, but it definitely has been costly.

The relatively small storm that hit northwest Missouri last week cost the city approximately \$7,000 to salt and clean many of the streets.

Since Dec. 5, which was when the first winter storm hit Maryville, approximately \$21,600 has been spent on numerous hours of labor and materials, Ron Brohammer, assistant city manager/director of Public Works, said.

"I am counting regular labor, overtime hours, the mix used on the roads, any breakdowns that may have occurred, the fuel needed to run the trucks and tractors and other expendables," Brohammer said.

The city has already used close to 90 tons of mix, which contains salt and calcium chloride, on just this last storm. The mix costs around \$12 per ton.

In order to pay for these costs, the city uses money from taxes and a street budget, but snow removal is not specified in this budget.

"We do not budget directly for snow removal," Brohammer said. "The bottom line is that we will spend whatever it takes...and use judgement and common sense to decide how much is enough."

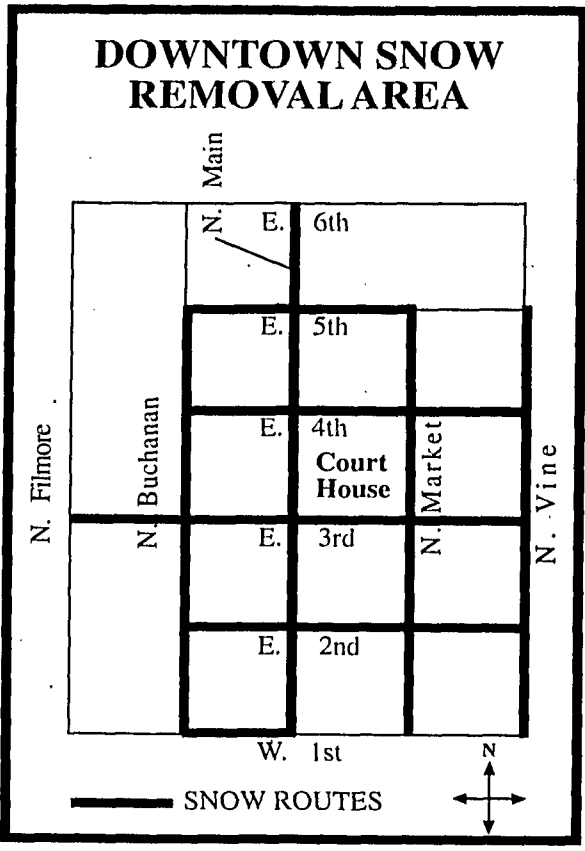
Often there are consequences to spending more money than is allocated in the budget, even though it is necessary. Although the consequences do not come in the form of tax increases, there may be work that cannot be done in the summer because of winter spending.

"Every dollar that we spend in the wintertime on salt and (labor) hours and time, are dollars that can't be spent on additional asphalt on streets and those kinds of things," Brohammer said.

If the city does run out of money, then a general fund will be utilized. It is money that is put away for anything unexpected that may occur.

But, in most cases, the city has not needed to tap into the fund and has remained within the budget.

Although this winter's spending thus far is slightly higher than the 1995-96 total of \$17,160, Brohammer said Maryville will do its best to meet the goal of clearing the streets the best they can with the resources and funds allowed.



MaKenzy Lawson stand in front of the judges for the 24-36 month old "Most Beautiful Baby" category. Children from 0 months to 4 years old participated in the show. Kristina Kettler/Chief Photographer

Babies win trophies

by Jacob DiPietro
Chief Reporter

Many parents believe their baby is the cutest. However, New Star Discovery determined the most beautiful baby at a regional baby contest Sunday morning at the Cardinal Inn in Maryville.

There are six different age divisions in the contest: 0-7 months, 8-14 months, 15-23 months, 24-36 months, 3-4 years old and 5-6 years old. The contest is open to boys and girls, each having their own categories respectively.

In the 0-7 months division Brayden Martin of Maryville won the boys' division. Next in the 8-14 month category Mackenzy Philette won on the girls' side, while Brady Clements won for the boys. In the 15-23 month age division Cynthia Smail was the winner. MaKenzy Lawson won the 24-36 month age division. And Tyler Greeley won the 3-4 year old category.

Colleen Adams, New Star Discovery representative, said the reason for the shortage of contestants was because of the area and the weather.

"We have had contests with anywhere from eight to 137 contestants," Adams said. "The weather was real bad and it was a small area so the small number was expected."

The most beautiful baby winners received a trophy, a crown, their entry fee for the state contest and a photo shoot worth \$150. Awards also included children with the prettiest eyes, best head shot and two overall high-point winners. Regional Director Nancy Skilleit said judging criteria is divided. Fifty percent was natural beauty and the other 50 percent was personality.

Maryville man boasts expensive hobby

Wild horse adapts to life in captivity, resident breaks, trains, mustang for parades

by Ruby Dittmer
Community News Editor

For more than 30 years it has been his hobby to train and break horses. However, his biggest challenge started in September 1988 when Sassy arrived.

Sassy was a 3-year-old mustang horse when she was found running wild in Nevada. David Dredge, of Maryville, purchased her for \$125 and transported the black horse to Missouri to care for her.

"I just thought it sounded neat," Dredge said. "I've always liked horses and training them. What a better place to start than with a wild one?"

To adopt the horse, Dredge contacted the Bureau of Land Management which is located in Jackson, Miss. His application described the specifications of the horse's stall, along with general information about himself and why he wanted the endangered species.

Dredge built a special enclosed stall that was 10 feet by 12 feet. Attached to this stall was a run that measured 12 feet by 20 feet. He built a fence at least six feet high constructed out of wood. The fence could not be wire because the horse, while adjusting to captivity, might get caught and injured in the wires.

Patience was the key requirement when he broke the horse in. For the first months of her captivity, Dredge became friends with the horse.

"It's a slow process," Dredge said. "With mustangs you just don't walk up to them. She was so scared."

The wild horse had other needs.

Sassy was given all the required shots and wormed. She also had to be given the Coggins Test, which checks for diseases prone to horses. Because Sassy was in the wild for the first three years of her life, her hooves also required more trimmings than horses born in captivity.

In the wild, the horse fed on various types of grasses native to Nevada. While in captivity, Sassy learned to eat grains.

"You have to cut down on the feed," Dredge said. "They aren't used to having an abundant amount. They'll eat about anything and you have to control their intake or else they will overeat."

For one year, the horse was in a separate stall and run.

Dredge said after becoming friends with Sassy, the rest of the breaking and training "went along real fast" and he was able to put a saddle and bridle on her.

He rode the horse in many parades and during other events. He also makes presentations to scouts and 4-H clubs.

Dredge said purchasing the horse was the cheapest part of his hobby. Feed costs and renovations to the stall and stable were more expensive.

"I've thought about getting another wild mustang," Dredge said. "Hindsight would tell me to get a yearling colt. They seem to be easier to break."

Dredge sold Sassy one year ago because his kids had grown up and there was no one there to ride her. Fearing she would become ill if no one would properly exercise the animal, Marci Gillis bought the horse for her daughter, Ashton, to ride and show in 4-H programs.

Dredge recently gave a presentation to the Nodaway County Girl Scouts.



Greg Dalrymple/Photography Director

Nodaway County Girl Scouts gather Saturday at the MFA Sale Barn to learn about the wild mustang, an endangered species, that represented and promoted this year's cookie sales. David Dredge showed Sarge, a quarter-horse mix that is stable at the sale barn. He was unable to bring the mustang that he owned and trained until last year because of the icy road conditions.

School Board unites

by Lindsey Corey
Chief Reporter

Maryville R-II School Board members have pulled together for the April 1 bond issue and are expecting positive results.

"We decided to put forth a unified voice and not our individual opinions," Board member Ray Courter said.

After changing the proposed site and architectural firm, the Board is ready to begin its campaign to build a new middle school and to renovate the elementary school and the high school.

"One of the top complaints (about previous bond issues) was the site being too close to the college," Board member John Redden said. "We've changed that so we hope it'll pass."

Change has been the major focus for Board members.

"The change of site is appealing to many voters and our previous efforts gave us good recognition," Board member James Redd said. "I'm very optimistic."

Voters are more likely to focus on the cost of the bond issue, but

Board members believe there is no better time than the present to take advantage of the opportunity for progress.

"It's really not a question of if we need the facility and improvements, but when we will be able to get started," Board president Rego Jones said. "There is nothing we can do about the dollar figure because costs never seem to go down."

Some see the cost of the bond to be a bargain.

"In relation to the previous bond, (patrons) are receiving more for their money," Redd said. "We will be addressing three facilities to help children all through the system. The longer we wait the more pronounced our needs will become and the more expensive it will be."

Board members, architects and administrators will answer questions at 9 a.m., Saturday, at Eugene Field Elementary School.

"People need to understand the need throughout the whole district," Jones said. "I'd encourage people to go to the presentation and make up their mind there, instead of rumors or past bond issues."

IN BRIEF

Eugene Field announces kindergarten registration

Kindergarten registration for the 1997-98 school year at Eugene Field Elementary School will be between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Feb. 3, 4 and 5 in the principal's office. Registration will also be between 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Feb. 6. Upon registration, an appointment will be made for the children to take a preschool test.

Children must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 1, 1997. Applicants must also have a birth certificate issued by the state and immunization records

must also be presented. The following immunizations must be completed: three Diphtheria, Per-tussis, Tetanus; three Oral Polio Virus; two measles, mumps, rubella; three Hepatitis B series. Every child must have these immunizations before they can attend school. There is also a \$15 fee.

Sue Schenkel, acting principal/head teacher, said it is important for parents to enroll their children at these times so the elementary staff has time to make adequate preparations and materials can be made. She urges people, if they know someone who has a child of kindergarten age, to notify them to enroll their student.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, Jan. 31

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Washington Middle School Science Fair.

9:45 a.m. Exercise Program, Nodaway County Senior Center.

6 p.m. Maryville High School boy's basketball vs. Falls City.

7 p.m. Dramatic performance of the Gospel of Mark, St. Gregory's Catholic Church.

D.A.R.E. sixth-grade basketball tournament entries due.

Saturday, Feb. 1

9 a.m. Meeting about Maryville R-II bond issue, Eugene Field Elementary School.

9 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous, St. Francis Hospital.

11 a.m. Maryville High School varsity wrestling tournament at Maryville.

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Washington Middle School Science Fair.

Monday, Feb. 3

9:45 a.m. Exercise Program, Nodaway County Senior Center.

6 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous, St. Francis Hospital.

Thursday, Feb. 6

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Business Professional Women's community blood drive at the United Methodist Church.



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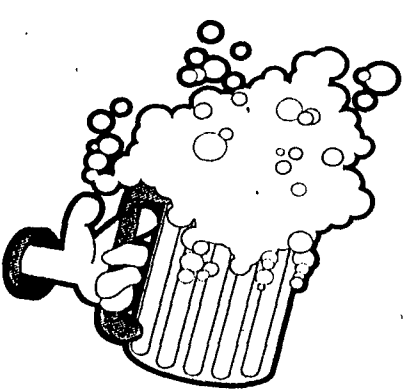
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Women suffer narrow defeat at home

Sports world no longer considered cool



Collin McDonough

Certain athletes these days only care about themselves and do not want to face the responsibility of their actions.

There are quite a few athletes that I

want to discuss but I'll start at the college level.

Lester Earl signed a national letter of intent to play basketball for four years at Louisiana State University, but now after only one semester he says he wants to transfer to another Division I school — the University of Kansas.

Dale Brown, head LSU coach, is refusing to allow Earl to transfer. If Brown allows Earl to transfer, he would lose only one year of eligibility. But if Brown refuses, Earl would lose two years of eligibility.

I think it's about time Lester paid the price for his actions, so I hope coach Brown does not give in.

Then what about the situation at Iowa State with forward Kenny Pratt, the Cyclones' second leading scorer last season?

In late December, he was out carousing in the wee hours and he got hit by another car. Pratt was drunk at the time of the accident and was arrested for drunken driving after he failed a breathalyzer test. But Pratt decided he did not want to be arrested and resisted. He kicked a police officer in the face, loosening the officer's tooth.

Pratt was immediately kicked off the Iowa State basketball team, but a university committee reinstated Pratt.

Kenny if you did the deed then pay the price and sit out a few games. Once again this is another athlete that does not want to be held accountable for his actions.

This problem not only affects college athletes, it seems to be a big problem on the professional level as well.

What about Oksana Baiul and her drunk driving charge? She said she would check into an alcohol program to help her understand her problem. But she is only trying to get out of her drunk driving charge.

It's just another sign of an athlete not wanting to be held accountable for their actions.

Players like these can ruin the reputation of their sports and I think that is why many fans are becoming disgusted with the sports world.

Collin McDonough is the University sports editor for the Northwest Missourian.

Northwest Star Athlete



Pam Cummings* Junior

Cummings leads the MIAA in assists with an average of 7.2 per contest. Cummings is only 86 assists away from becoming the school's all-time assist leader. She is also averaging 8.1 points per game.

*chosen by the Missourian sports staff

by Brian Brozyna
Missourian Staff

Time could not run fast enough for the women's basketball team when it played Missouri Western State College Wednesday night.

The Bearcats (8-10, 4-6 MIAA) surged ahead 63-59 on a layup by junior guard Autumn Feaker with 1:52 left to play. Western's Stephanie Jackson answered by scoring the next three points.

After senior forward Sandi Ickes missed a free throw with 36 seconds to go, the Lady Griffons' Jenny Marr, who paced her team with 18 points in the second half, gave her team a 64-63 victory with a layup.

Head coach Wayne Winstead said the Bearcats were the better ballclub.

"There's no question our kids deserved to win tonight," Winstead said. "I thought we played well enough to win by eight to 10 points."

Northwest was unable to get a shot off after Winstead called a time out with 22 seconds left.

"I said, 'Let's just take the best shot,'" Winstead said. "I thought she (freshman guard Andrea Robertson) was fouled, but they turned around and called a foul on us."

Senior guard Kristin Folk said the team was trying to go inside on the final shot.

"Everyone in the conference knows our strength is the inside game," Folk said. "There were times when we had two or three players on our one player going inside."

Northwest led by eight at half-time. The Bearcats led by as much as 10 with 16:21 to go in the game before Western tied the score at 50 with 10:10 left in the game.

Junior forward Justean Bohnsack led the team with 14 points and junior center Annie Coy added 10 points and six rebounds. Junior guard Pam Cummings led with 11 assists.

Cummings leads the MIAA in assists per game with an average of 7.1 per game.

The Bearcats shot 48 percent for the game from the field compared to

44 percent for the Griffons but only 27 percent from the free throw line, compared to Missouri Western's 61 percent.

Winstead said the team showed patience on offense.

"We played well and did the things we wanted to," Winstead said. "We needed a break here and there and it wasn't in the cards as far as calls go."

Northwest had won four games in a row at home before the loss to the Griffons. The loss dropped the 'Cats record at home this season to 7-2. North-west's record at Bearcat Arena over the last two seasons is 18-5.

Missouri-Rolla 75 Northwest 68

Last Saturday the Bearcats dropped a 75-68 decision to Missouri-Rolla. Junior forward Allison Edwards paced the team with 13 points and Bohnsack led with nine rebounds.

Cummings had another all-around game for the Bearcats. She scored 11 points and

dished out eight assists, while achieving five steals.

Northwest could not stop the play of Missouri-Rolla's Heather Hartman. Hartman scored a game-high 26 points and tore down 11 rebounds.

The Bearcats will try to snap their three-game losing streak when they play Lincoln University at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in Jefferson City. Northwest won the first game of the two earlier this year, 64-54.

Folk said the team has been playing well despite the slide.

"We've stayed close and haven't been blown out," Folk said. "We just haven't really gotten the breaks we need."

The women will hit the road for a long three-game road trip that includes stops at Lincoln, Missouri Southern State College and Emporia State University. Northwest will play three games in five days.

The Bearcats next home game will be against Missouri Southern at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, in Bearcat Arena.

“There's no question our kids deserved to win tonight. I thought we played well enough to win by eight to 10 points.”

Wayne Winstead, women's basketball coach



Gene Cassell/Photography Director

Junior forward Annie Coy goes down on the floor to grab a rebound against Jenny Marr in last night's game against Missouri Western State College. Coy had 11 points and a team-

high six rebounds in the 64-63 loss. Coy leads Northwest in scoring with 12.4 per contest. Up next for the 8-10 Bearcats is Lincoln University on Saturday night.

Indoor track teams continue to shine

by Wendy Broker
Chief Reporter

It was not only a big weekend in professional sports, i.e. the Super Bowl, but the men's and women's indoor track teams were in on the action too, showing their abilities against competition at the Nebraska Open Saturday.

The women displayed some of their talent in senior Heidi Metz, who broke the school record in the 3,000-meter run by nearly 10 seconds, placing third. Junior Kathy Kearns finished behind Metz, placing fifth. Junior Julie Humphreys finished second in the weight throw.

Junior Leslie Dickherber not only placed eighth at the meet in the shot put, but also provisionally qualified for nationals. Freshman Jill Eppenbaugh also threw well Saturday, grabbing fifth place in the shot put.

Coach Ron DeShon said he held a couple of the season's top performers out of this meet (as not to tire them out this early in the season), including Jacshelle Sasser.

DeShon said he is taking everybody, an A-team and a B-team, to the team's next meet at Central Missouri State University.

"This meet coming up at

CMSU, the Mule Relays is very important at this point of the season," he said. "It will help us find out where we stand against conference competition and if we are contenders or pretenders to the conference championship."

The men's indoor track team had its share of stars as well at the Nebraska Open.

Team co-captain junior Chad Sutton finished third and provisionally qualified for nationals in the high jump, Saturday. Sophomore Jimmy Jeffrey performed well also, just missing provisional qualification, and finished 4th in the 200-meter dash and 7th in the 55-meter dash.

Coach Rich Alsop said he was pleased with the team's performance Saturday.

"I thought they performed well for only having a week of practice leading up to it," Alsop said.

Sutton said the team will improve in time.

"As time goes on, we will improve more and more, and be in good shape to be competitive at conference," Sutton said.

The team will have a chance to improve in Lawrence when it faces the University of Kansas, Kansas State University and Wichita State University.

Griffons slip past 'Cats 82-71

by Scott Summers
Chief Reporter

Missouri Western's defensive pressure ate the Bearcat men alive Wednesday night and the 'Cats dropped the conference game 82-71.

"It's kind of like sharks around blood," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said, commenting on Missouri Western's tenacious defense.

The 'Cats' record fell to 7-11 overall and 4-6 in MIAA conference play.

The Bearcats had their fair share of opportunities but could not cash in.

"We had some good looks at the basket, but we just got too tentative," Tappmeyer said.

Northwest was not going to roll over for the Griffons and the 'Cats held a 39-36 halftime lead.

However, the Bearcats were a completely different team in the second half.

"It was like night and day," senior guard Silas Williams said. "One half we came out playing and in the second half we didn't play with the same enthusiasm."

The 'Cats remained within striking distance until the waning moments, but they were outscored 22-12 in the final 8:40 seconds of the game.

"We didn't shoot the ball as comfortably as we did in the first half," Tappmeyer said. "I thought we did shy away from some contact at times in the ballgame."

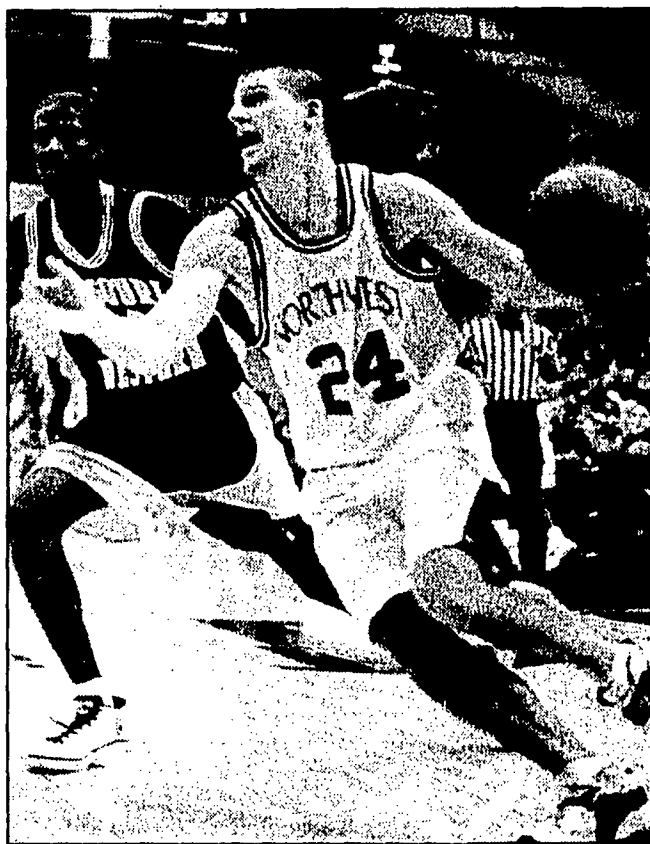
Northwest 62 Missouri-Rolla 53

The Bearcats traveled to Rolla last Saturday for a shootout with the University of Missouri-Rolla (11-6) ballclub and came away with a 62-53 victory.

Tappmeyer said the team played as sharp as it had all season.

"I thought we probably played our best game of the year so far," Tappmeyer said. "They had a big crowd and I thought we kept our composure."

On Saturday, the Bearcats will travel to Jefferson City to battle Lincoln University.



Gene Cassell/Photography Director

Driving toward the baseline, freshman forward Phil Simpson looks for a bucket in last night's 82-71 loss to Missouri Western State College. Simpson was four of six from the field including three of five shooting from three-point range. Northwest leads the MIAA in three-point field goal percentage with .391.

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Wrestlers look to wrap up conference

Maryville to play host to Quad State Classic; down St. Pius Tuesday

by **Chris Gelnosky**

Community Sports Editor

Even though banged up with injuries, the Maryville Spoofhound wrestling team clobbered the St. Pius X Warriors 66-16 Tuesday night in the Maryville High School gym.

Senior Calvin Mathes and juniors Chris Barmann and Jeremy Lliteras were forced to sit out of Tuesday's dual because of injuries, but the 'Hounds proved they could overcome adversity.

Maryville jumped on top, quickly building a 48-0 lead on eight pins. Six of the eight pins were made in the first period, and four of those six 'Hounds won in under one minute into the dual.

"We looked pretty good tonight," coach Joe Drake said. "We came out extremely aggressive, and the kids were looking to pin their opponents

quickly, especially in the lower-weight classes."

The win improved the 'Hounds' overall record to 6-1 and stretched their winning streak to six after a loss in the season opener, but with the injuries, the team still has big tasks in front of it.

Senior Wyatt Dunbar sprained his left thumb last week against Savannah, and Drake said Dunbar has no choice but to have to wrestle with pain for the remainder of the season.

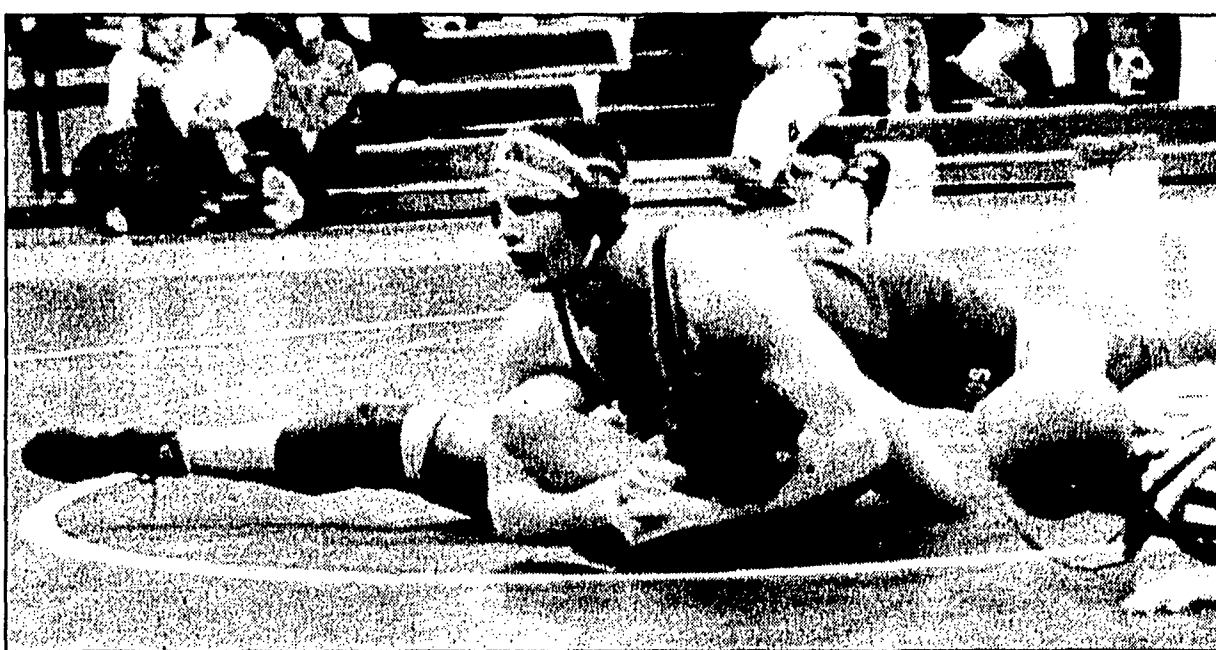
Dunbar and the rest of the 'Hounds will not have much time to relax because they will travel to Chillicothe tonight to square off for the Midland Empire Conference title. The Spoofhounds need a team victory in order to win the conference outright and wrap up their fifth consecutive MEC crown.

"It's always important to beat Chillicothe," senior Jeff Beacom said. "This time it comes down to being the most important dual of the season."

senior Jeff Beacom, Maryville High School 189-pound wrestler

ing the most important dual of the season."

Besides the dual with Chillicothe, the 'Hounds also have the Quad State



Senior Geoff Goudge battled the St. Pius X Warriors' Nick Presco in the 215-pound dual Tuesday night at Maryville High School. Goudge led the dual from the start and finally pinned his opponent with 34 seconds remaining in the third period. Maryville won the first eight weight classes and dominated the dual, defeating the Warriors 66-16.

Jennifer Meyer/Chief Photographer

Classic at 11 a.m. Saturday. Maryville will play host to the eight-team tournament.

The seven other schools traveling from four states include Bedford High School from Iowa, Tri-County and Lincoln high schools from Nebraska, Sabatho High School out of Kansas and Smithville, St. Pius and Cameron

high schools from Missouri.

Beacom said he believed there are disadvantages, as well as advantages, when wrestling at home.

"We don't have to drive anywhere so we don't have that lag after a long drive, and that helps," Beacom said. "When you're wrestling at home you can hear more people cheering you on,

but there's more pressure to win."

Even though the 'Hounds can look forward to their home tournament, Drake said there is other business to be taken care of first.

"First things first — we have to take care of Chillicothe for the conference title," Drake said. "That's all we're worried about."

NBA player alters image of athletes



Chris Gelnosky

Athlete — a person possessing the natural or acquired traits necessary for physical exercise or sports.

That's the definition according to the American Heritage College

Dictionary, but most people have their own definition of the word that doesn't resemble this one.

Professional athletes and professional sports have taken a bad rap over the last decade or so, but the problem has worsened over the past year.

The Dallas Cowboys have been the main culprit with the suspensions of players because of drug use and run-ins with the law — Eric Williams, Michael Irvin and Leon Lett just to name a few.

The most recent incident was in Minnesota when the Chicago Bulls' Dennis Rodman kicked a camera man on the baseline, and he was suspended and fined by the National Basketball Association.

Society has reached the point where it sees these athletes as having bad moral judgement and as being those who only look out for themselves.

Stereotypes have been created for athletes no matter what sport they play, what sex they are and how much money they make.

That's when one athlete made the headlines last week and stepped apart from all other "athletes."

Carlos Rogers, a center for the Toronto Raptors, made the news across the country last week. It wasn't because he was arrested, and he didn't beat up a fan at a game either.

Rogers' 29-year-old sister, Rene, was admitted to the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Mich., awaiting a kidney transplant.

After an unsuccessful operation, Carlos was told by doctors that his sister may not live unless he donated one of his kidneys.

In most cases, a kidney donor is not in any big danger because a person can live with only one kidney, but because Carlos is a professional athlete, the loss of a kidney would cost him his NBA career.

At age 26 and only his third year in the professional ranks, Carlos looked to have a bright future with an expansion team.

When Rene went into critical condition last week, Carlos flew back to his hometown of Detroit to prepare to help his sister.

Carlos said it was a "no brain decision" whether to give up his career or not. He said his sister was his biggest fan, and now it was his turn to be hers.

Even though Rene did not survive her condition and Carlos did not have the opportunity to help his sister, it is still a great story of love between a brother and sister.

So you still think you know the definition of an athlete?

Well, Carlos Rogers rewrote many people's definition in the dictionary, and now it's easy to see how stereotypes are nothing more than just that.

Chris Gelnosky is the community sports editor for the Northwest Missourian.

Boys' basketball squad avenges early season loss to Benton

'Hounds rebound from conference loss at Chillicothe; solid defense leads way to 49-32 win in St. Joseph Tuesday

by **Scott Summers**

Chief Reporter

The Benton Cardinals were the most recent team to have its feathers ruffled by the Spoofhound boys' basketball team, losing 49-32 on their home court.

Maryville has turned its season around recently, winning five out of its last six games and improving its overall record to 11-6 after a sluggish start to the season.

One big factor in the Spoofhounds' recent on-court success has been their tremendous defensive effort.

"I think we played great defense," Kuwitzky said. "Holding them to 32 points on their own floor was a really good effort on our part."

Kuwitzky said his team did exactly what it needed to do to beat the Cardinals.

"We had a pretty good second half of taking care of the basketball, and

we hit our free throws," Kuwitzky said.

The leading scorers in the contest were juniors John Otte and Adam Weldon, each reaching double figures with 12 points.

Although Kuwitzky was very happy with the team's effort, he said the 'Hounds still have some areas of concern to deal with.

"We need to strive to gain some consistency on the offensive end," Kuwitzky said.

Chillicothe 51 Maryville 42

Maryville found out the hard way that Chillicothe is not any easier to beat in basketball than they are in football.

The Spoofhounds traveled to Chillicothe Friday, and the Hornets stung the 'Hounds in a 51-42 loss.

The 'Hounds led by three points at the half but could not keep up the pace with Hornets in the second half. "It came down to two or three

plays at the end of the game," Kuwitzky said. "At the end, we made some bad decisions, and that made the difference."

Junior Grant Sutton led the Spoofhounds in their effort, picking apart the Hornet defense for 13 points.

The 'Hounds will play host to Falls City at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The 'Hounds' next game will be Tuesday when they battle the Lafayette Fighting Irish in Maryville.



Gene Cassell/Photography Director

Senior guard Paula Pivral dribbles between senior Mindy Lager and sophomore Keri Lohafer in Wednesday's practice. The Spoofhounds take on East Buchanan tonight, who are riding a seven-game winning streak.

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Hornets sting Spoofhounds; teams to rematch in 2 weeks

Girls' basketball team preps for home game against East Buchanan

by **Jacob DiPietre**

Chief Reporter

The 'Hounds' last basketball game could easily be compared to David and Goliath, except this time David did not win.

The Chillicothe Hornets, now 12-2, are ranked fourth in the state and are undefeated in the Midland Empire Conference.

Compare that to a relatively inexperienced team who is in the midst of a rebuilding year, and one would think Maryville did not stand a chance. However, the 'Hounds did not give up without a fight.

"I was real pleased with how we played," 'Hounds' coach Jeff Martin said. "We had opportunity at the end of the ballgame to win the game, we just ran out of time."

The 'Hounds, who shot just 29 percent from the field, cut the Hornet lead to five with about three minutes left but were unable to close out the game, losing 46-35.

'Hounds' center Charity Smail, who had been averaging over 20 points per game in her last five games, was shut down to only 12 by the Hornets' defense.

"Every time Charity got the ball down in the low post they would have

two or three people just suck in on her," Martin said. "They made it tough for her. They did a good job on her."

Martin said he was very proud of his team's effort and thinks defense was one of the keys to its success so far in the season.

"We played our best defensive game of the year down there," Martin said. "Chillicothe made 27 turnovers that night."

The 'Hounds, 1-3 in the MEC and 9-9 overall, now turn their attention to the streaking East Buchanan Bulldogs. The Bulldogs have won their last seven games and Martin said the game should be a close one.

"It is going to be a good game; they've got some good players," Martin said. "They have improved a lot, but it is a team we can beat if we play well."

While the team is focusing on one game at a time, Martin is still looking forward to districts which begin Feb. 24.

Maryville has seven opponents on its schedule this season, and Martin said his team can be successful in districts if it puts together a good string of games.

"We feel like whoever wins the district is going to be the team that puts together the best stretch of basketball during the week of districts," Martin said. "We could be one of those teams if we make the effort in all these ballgames and play good defense in all these ballgames."

Maryville Star Athlete



Charity Smail* Senior

Small leads the girls' basketball team in scoring average, pouring in 14 points a game. She also leads the team in free throw percentage, shooting 69 percent from the charity stripe.

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Basketball

Men's MIAA Standings

Conference			Overall		
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
WU	9	2	.818	14	.778
PSU	9	2	.818	15	.778
CMU	7	4	.636	15	.778
MSU	6	4	.600	12	.667
ESU	5	5	.500	10	.556
MSSC	4	5	.444	7	.412
NWMSU	4	6	.400	7	.389
TSU	4	6	.400	8	.444
SBU	3	7	.300	8	.500
UMR	3	8	.273	11	.579
LU	2	8	.200	4	.222

Women's MIAA Standings

Conference			Overall		
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
WU	8	2	.800	14	.778
CMU	8	3	.727	13	.722
WU	7	3	.700	14	.778
SBU	7	3	.700	13	.722
ESU	6	4	.636	14	.737
NWMSU	6	4	.600	8	.500
MSSC	3	6	.333	7	.389
UMR	3	7	.300	6	.353
TSU	2	7	.222	4	.235
LU	0	10	.000	4	.235

Northwest Women

Jan. 29 Missouri Western vs. Northwest at Bearcat Arena

Missouri Western (64) Wood 5-15 2-2 15, Marr 9-17 2-3 20, Gittens 3-5 2-4 8, Obersteadt 0-6 2-4 2, Elgin 6-7 0-0 12, Wahlert 0-1 0-0 0, Jackson 2-6 3-5 7, Totals 25-57 11-18 64.

Northwest (63) Folk 4-7 0-0 8, Bohnsack 7-13 0-0 14, Coy 5-10 1-3 11, Feaker 5-9 0-0 10, Cummings 3-9 0-0 6, Wheeler 1-2 0-1 2, Ickes 3-6 2-7 8, Robertson 0-3 0-0 0, Edwards 1-3 0-0 2, Sump 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 30-63 3-11 63.

Halftime Northwest 29 Missouri Western 30. Three point field goals — MW (Wood 3), Fouled out — Bohnsack. Rebounds — NW 36 (Coy 6), MW 41 (Jackson, Marr, Gittens 7), Assists — NW (Cummings 11), MW (Obersteadt 10). Total fouls — NW 18, MW 18. Technicals — None.

Jan. 25 Northwest at Missouri-Rolla (68) Folk 3-11 1-4 7, Bohnsack 4-9 0-0 8, Coy 5-11 1-4 11, Feaker 3-7 0-0 7, Cummings 5-9 1-2 11, Wheeler 0-1 0-0 0, Ickes 2-3 2-6, Robertson 1-2 0-1 3, Edwards 5-12 1-2 13, Sump 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 29-68 5-10 68.

Missouri-Rolla (75) Martens 2-10 2-2 7, Johnson 4-7 2-3 11, Hartman 11-14 4-6 26, Mills 4-13 6-9 17, Farmer 2-9 3-5 7, Fischer 2-4 3-5 7, Totals 23-60 16-21 65.

Halftime Missouri-Rolla 36 Northwest 33. Three point field goals — NW (Edwards 2, Feaker, Cummings, Robertson), UMR (Mills 3, Martens, Johnson). Fouled out — None. Rebounds — NW 34 (Bohnsack 10), UMR 46 (Hartman 11). Assists — NW (Cummings 8), UMR (Martens, Farmer 6). Total fouls — NW 23, UMR 15. Technicals — None.

Northwest Men

Jan. 29 Missouri Western vs. Northwest at Bearcat Arena

Missouri Western (82) Parks 7-12 4-4 22, Bristol 1-6 6-6 9, Polk 2-6 1-3 5, Kemp 3-6 0-1 9, Keeler 11-18 2-3 24, Lee 2-2 1-2 7, Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Crittendon 1-4 0-0 3, Steed 2-2 0-0 4, Totals 29-57 14-19 82.

Northwest (71) Simpson 4-6 1-2 12, Burlison 5-14 1-1 11, Jo. Williams 5-10 1-6 11, St. Williams 3-7 2-9, Alexander 0-1 2-2 2, Alford 1-5 1-2 3, Weis 1-4 2-2 4, Glosten 3-10 0-0 6, Redd 5-10 2-3 13, Totals 27-67 12-20 71.

Halftime Northwest 39 Missouri Western 36. Three point field goals — MW (Parks 4, Kemp 3, Lee 2, Bristol), NW (Simpson 3, Redd, St. Williams). Fouled out — Simpson, St. Williams. Rebounds — MW 36 (Keeler 12), NW 41 (Redd 11). Assists — MW 15 (Keeler 7), NW 16 (St. Williams 8).

Jan. 25 Northwest at Missouri-Rolla

Northwest (63) Simpson 4-7 2-3 13, Burlison 3-15 2-4 8, Jo. Williams 1-6 2-4 4, St. Williams 3-6 3-10 10, Redd 2-5 2-2 6, Alford 0-3 0-0 0, Stephens 2-3 0-0 4, Weis 1-4 4-4 7, Glosten

5-9 0-0 10, Totals 21-58 15-21 62.

Missouri-Rolla (53) Smith 7-20 2-4 22, Tompkins 1-5 1-5 3, Kokal 0-2 1-2 1, Fort 1-2 0-0 2, Holloway 4-15 5-5 16, Wade 0-2 0-0 0, Matthews 1-2 0-0 2, Rush 1-4 2-3 5, Pippett 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 16-55 10-29 53.

Halftime Northwest 30 Missouri-Rolla 30. Three point field goals — UMR (Smith 6, Holloway 3, Rush), NW (Simpson 3, St. Williams, Weis). Fouled out — Kokal. Rebounds — UMR 41 (Tompkins 10), NW 43 (Burlison 10). Assists — UMR (Fort 5), NW (St. Williams 5). Total fouls — UMR 20, NW 22.

Men's Division I AP Poll

	Rec.	Pts.	Pvs.
1. Kansas (71)	20-0	1750	1
2. Wake Forest	15-1	1645	4
3. Kentucky	18-2	1623	3
4. Utah	14-2	1456	5
5. Maryland	17-2	1412	7
6. Minnesota	18-2	1399	8
7. Clemson	16-3	1334	2
8. Cincinnati	14-3	1285	9
9. Louisville	16-2	1225	6
10. Arizona	12-4	1066	11
11. Iowa St.	13-3	949	14
12. Duke	15-5	938	10
13. New Mexico	15-3	811	15
14. Villanova	15-5	794	12
15. Stanford	13-3	770	17
16. Michigan	14-5	721	13
17. Indiana	17-4	556	21
18. Colorado	15-4	504	18
19. North Carolina	12-5	456	19
20. Xavier	13-3	370	16
21. Tulsa	13-4	333	24
22. Texas Tech	13-4	274	20
23. Texas	11-5	251	23
24. Marquette	13-3	231	25
25. South Carolina	13-5	129	—

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At the halftime of the men's basketball game against Missouri Western, the Northwest football team presented the MIAA championship trophy and the Northwest-Missouri Western traveling trophy to athletic director Jim Redd.

Greg Dalrymple/Photography Director

Big 12 Standings

Conference			Overall		
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
SOUTH Kansas	7	0	21	0	1.000
Colorado	7	1	16	4	.800
Iowa St.	5	2	14	3	.824

Nebraska	3	4	11	8
Missouri	2	6	10	10
Kansas St.	0	7	7	10

NORTH Texas	5	2	11	6
Texas Tech	5	3	13	5
Oklahoma	3	4	11	6
Oklahoma St.	3	4	11	8
Texas A&M	2	5	8	9
Baylor	2	6	13	7

MIAA

Schedule

Men's Basketball Saturday's Schedule CMSU @ SBU, 7:30 p.m. NWMSU @ LU, 7:30 p.m. PSU @ WU, 7:30 p.m. TSU @ MWSC, 7:30 p.m. ESU @ MSSC, 8 p.m.

Women's Basketball Saturday's Schedule CMSU @ SBU, 5:30 p.m. NWMSU @ LU, 5:30 p.m. PSU @ WU, 5:30 p.m. TSU @ MWSC, 5:30 p.m. ESU @ MSSC, 6 p.m.

Northwest Women

Jan. 25 at University of Nebraska Open 2nd Weight Throw — Julie Humphreys 3rd 3,000-meter run — Heidi Metz 10:22.47 (new school record) 3rd Triple Jump — Jennifer Griffen 4th 200-meter dash — Brandy Haan 26.17 5th 3,000-meter run — Kathy Kearns 10:47.00 5th Shot Put — Jill Eppenbaugh 44' 3/4" 5th High Jump — Misty Campbell 5'4" 5th 600-meter run — Jaime Riddle 1:38.80 6th 55-meter dash — Brandy Haan 7.35 7th 3,000-meter run — Dana Luke 11:17.28 8th Shot Put — Leslie Dickherber 42' 9 1/2" (provisional NCAA qualifying mark)

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Thursday, Jan. 23 at Maryville High School Maryville 54 Savannah 27

Spoofoound winners: 103 — Justin Dredge, 112 — Mark Anderson, 119 — Jeremy Tobin, 125 — Heath Reynolds, 135 — Ryan Castillo, 160 — Wyatt Dunbar, 171 — Chris Barmann, 189 — Jeff Beacom, 215 — Geoff Goudge.

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Parks & Rec

Basketball

MEN'S "A" LEAGUE Bank Midwest	3	0
Outback	2	0
Laclede Chain Gang	2	1
Bucks	1	2
Def Jam	1	3
Carter's Pharmacy	1	3
Mavericks	1	3

MEN'S "B" LEAGUE Sundry Oil	4	0
Bedford's Best	3	1
Foster Brothers	2	2
Arnold Insurance	2	2
Pioneer Homes	1	1
Reed Construction	1	2
NEBS	1	3
Maitland Feed and Grain	0	3

MEN'S "C" LEAGUE Hardees	2	0
The Buckeyes	2	1
Hy-Vee	2	1
Service Lube	2	2
Fat Boyz	1	1
Comfort Inn	2	2
Kawasaki	1	2
Personal Touch Lighting	0	3

Athletic Shorts

Maryville Park and Rec accepts volleyball teams

The Maryville Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registration for the co-ed volleyball program. Registration will be conducted from Feb. 10 through Feb. 21 at the Parks and Rec office (upper level of city hall).

The team fee and a minimum of four player fees with signed contracts are required.

Because of the availability of gym space, the number of teams in each league may be limited to the top eight. Register early to avoid any problems. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 562-2923.

Two Bearcat athletes named MIAA athletes of the week

The MIAA named two Bearcats athletes of the week. In women's indoor track and field, senior Heidi Metz earned the track honor while teammate junior Julie Humphreys earned the field award.

Metz set a school record in the 3,000 meters Jan. 25 at the University of Nebraska Open. Metz finished the run in 10 minutes, 22.47 seconds, finishing third in the event.

Humphreys earned a provisional qualifying mark for the NCAA Division II National Championships in the 20-pound weight throw, placing second at the Nebraska Open. She recorded a throw of 48 feet, nine inches.

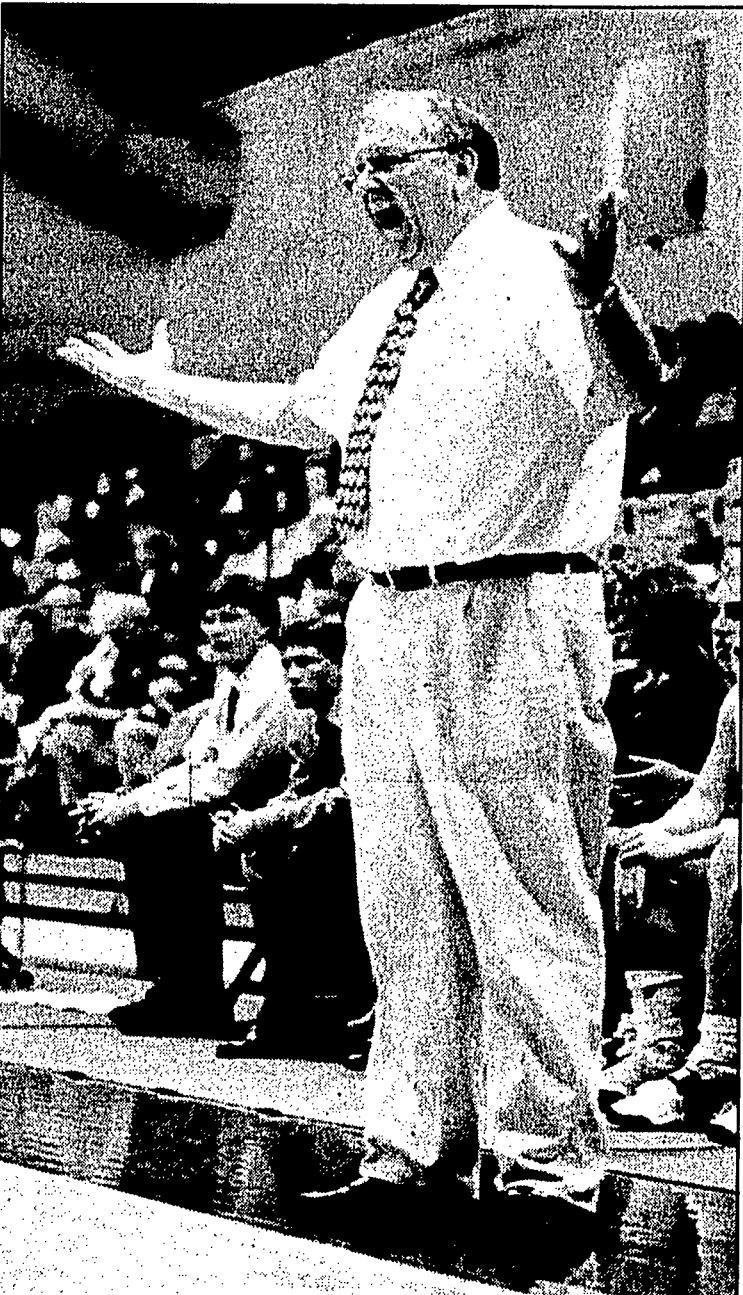
American Football Quarterly honors 'Cats' defensive end

Senior defensive end Matt Uhde picked up another honor this week for his football career at Northwest. Uhde was named to the all-America American Football Quarterly first team as a defensive lineman.

This honor marks the sixth all-America team that Uhde has been named to. Uhde ended his career at Northwest 132 total tackles and 21 sacks.

Uhde was not the only MIAA athlete to be named to the team. Pittsburg State's Bob Goltra, Truman State's Jarrett Anderson, Emporia State's Brian Shay and Missouri Southern's Richard Jordan were also honored.

Say it ain't so



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Wayne Winstead, women's Bearcat head coach, shows his amazement during the Missouri Western State College game last night. Winstead has posted a 279-214 record in his 18 years at Northwest.

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"Out of all the people in that flight, I wonder why God picked me. I still don't know why."

Looking back, one year later

She spent over a month as a patient in different hospitals at the start of 1996, and now Mercedes Ramirez wants to go back.

As an international business major, Ramirez hopes to someday give to others as an administrator in a major hospital and just under a year ago she couldn't wait to get out of the hospital.

As one of four survivors of an American Airlines crash Dec. 20, 1995, Ramirez suffered serious injuries to her abdomen, and also had a broken thigh and a broken spine that kept her in a hospital in Cali, Colombia, for 10 days and at Truman Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo., for five weeks.

Continuing her journey to give to others, Ramirez is hoping to work for the insurance company, where she has interned since she was in high school, when she graduates in January.

"I like dealing with health care especially since I was in the hospital for so long," Ramirez said. "Since my major is for business, I can see the aspect of paying and such, but then I also see how the patient feels and how they are treated."

Ramirez's extended stay last January was for her recovery after the jetliner crashed in the Colombian mountains on her 21st birthday. The 160 casualties on the flight included her parents Benjamin and Mercedes Ramirez. They were on their way to spend Christmas with family in Colombia.

"The entire experience has forced me to be stronger because if not, I would not have been able to handle going through this situation, either that or go crazy," she said. "It's up to me to overcome my obstacles because I can't really depend on anybody and I use a lot of self motivation."

Giving to Northwest has also inspired Ramirez in many ways. Although she stays busy with a full load of classes, Ramirez also finds time to give tours as a student ambassador, spend time with her Phi Mu sisters and works at the library for her Presidential/Martin Luther King Jr. scholarship.

"This semester will be busy but fun because instead of just doing the regular library job, English teachers will bring their students on certain days to learn to use the computers," Ramirez said. "I will be able to help out with that, and I just love to work with people."

Her ability to work with people has made her time at Northwest not only a positive experience but her second family as well.

"My sister went to the University of Kansas and it was just too big," she said. "I know she felt like just a number because she ended up transferring to a smaller school after her first year. I can't imagine myself at any other school and everybody has just been so supportive since my accident. Teachers who weren't even my teachers sent me cards and you could just tell that people were concerned about me. I can't imagine that if I had gone to a big state school most of the people probably wouldn't even know my name."

Coming back to school was a major motivation for her steps to recovery.

"For a while I used a cane to walk, and some of my friends said to just come to Maryville and everyone knew why I had it, but I was kind of embarrassed to come back like that," she said. "So it was a motivation for me to come back and see my friends as well as coming to as much of a normal state as possible."

Normal is something Ramirez strives and continues to work for.

"My leg still doesn't bend," she said. "I can walk for exercise and do a lot of things that I used to, which includes the Nordic Track, and I used to work with my physical therapy in the athletic department."

Her physical recovery has improved, but the emotional healing has taken time, too. Ramirez relies on her sister Sylvia and Nicholas, Sylvia's son, who live in Girard, Kan., as well as her friends and God.

"I've had a lot of support from my sister and friends, and we just talk about what's wrong and things like that," she said. "It's nice to see that people are willing to be there to listen. I try not to talk about it because I think about the person listening on the other side."

Even though she doesn't like to burden others, Ramirez always makes time for a friend.

"There are only a select few that I do talk to about it and I know they will always be there for me," Ramirez said. "If somebody goes through something like that hopefully



Gene Cassell/Photography Director

they could count on me, too. I could sympathize with them because I've been in their shoes."

Although she has had an enormous amount of support from her family and friends throughout the past year, Ramirez now finds herself a more independent individual.

"I have to do everything on my own now. Either I do it or nothing gets done," she said. "It has made me a stronger person because now I don't have good old mom and dad to depend on to do something for me."

The one-year anniversary of the plane crash was difficult for Ramirez, but she worked, kept busy and spent the holidays with her sister and boyfriend.

She attended a mass in her parents' memories on Dec. 21 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Kansas City. The phone calls never stopped from family and her parents' friends on the tragic anniversary.

"It was hard, but I am just trying to do what I know my parents wanted me to do because I can't put my life on hold," Ramirez said. "They were positive people, and they wouldn't want me to sit around and feel sorry for myself."

Ramirez's plans are to graduate in December of this year and do what most college graduates do — find a job.

"I felt so much support from my teachers after not being here for a semester," she said. "Especially since I came back in the summertime it was an adjustment period of not being in school to having a full load again. It was nice to come back and take two classes and try to get back in the swing of things."

Things are going smoothly for Ramirez, which she credits to the support of her friends at Northwest.

"It was just so nice to see that people cared and still care," Ramirez said. "Every now and then I get little cards to tell me they are thinking of me, which is really nice and it helps."

The extra media attention for her birthday this year didn't help when all the sta-

tions called, but she only did one interview.

"When the interview was done, the lady asked me if I was going to hit all the stations and I said no it's my birthday. I want to carry on as normal," Ramirez said. "I still get phone calls to do this and do that, but I am just trying stay away from all of that."

Although this last year has been quite eventful for Ramirez, her memories of her parents continue to live in her heart.

"One of my proudest moments was when I won a scholarship in high school — it was kind of like they had the debutantes and a competition for the scholarship," she said. "We had to do a dance with our fathers, and so we had to practice for weeks. Every Saturday we had to go with our dads and practice the waltz and where and how to stand. I won first place, and I knew that my parents were really excited."

"It was something I worked for, not like the Royals game, which was a big deal and I was honored, but I really didn't do anything to deserve it — something just happened."

Ramirez loves to spend her very little free time to relax, listen to any type of music and write to her family.

"Everyone has kind of taken me under their wings, so I always get cards and letters from aunts and cousins from everywhere in Colombia and Nicaragua," she said.

A memorial park was made in Colombia in honor of all the people who passed away in the crash. Ramirez plans to visit soon.

"I have never seen my parents' grave, but I know the cemetery because most of my family is buried there," she said. "I have flown a couple of times and I get nervous, but I am not totally relaxed until after the take off and the landings. But I do plan to visit Colombia soon."

This past year has been quite eventful, yet it still leaves Ramirez with many unanswered questions.

"Out of all the people in that flight I wonder why God picked me," Ramirez said. "I still don't know why."

A year in her life

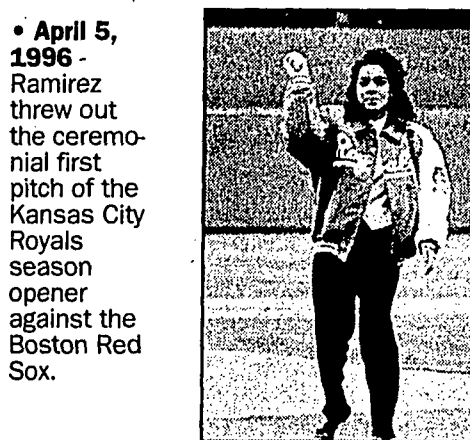
1996 brought both high and low points for Mercedes Ramirez.

• **Dec. 20, 1995** - Ramirez was one of four survivors of the deadly plane crash of American Airlines flight 965, in which her parents, Benjamin and Mercedes were among the 164 killed. She was on her way to spend Christmas with family in Colombia.

• **Feb. 7, 1996** - Ramirez was released after spending five weeks at Truman Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo. Doctors had given her only a 30 percent chance of living after the crash.



• **Feb. 14, 1996** - Ramirez received a 6-foot by 18-foot canvas valentine from Northwest students and faculty. Throngs of people lined up to sign the valentine, including University President Dean Hubbard (above).



• **April 5, 1996** - Ramirez threw out the ceremonial first pitch of the Kansas City Royals season opener against the Boston Red Sox.

• **June 6, 1996** - Ramirez returned to Northwest for summer classes. She said the slower transition back to school made the process easier.



• **Oct. 16, 1996** - Ramirez was crowned Homecoming Queen and was introduced during the Variety Show, the parade and the game.

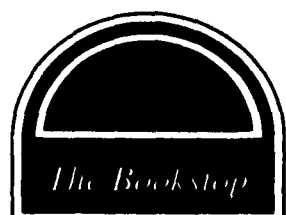


• **Jan. 28, 1997** - Ramirez gives a tour as a student ambassador on campus as part of her normal, busy routine.

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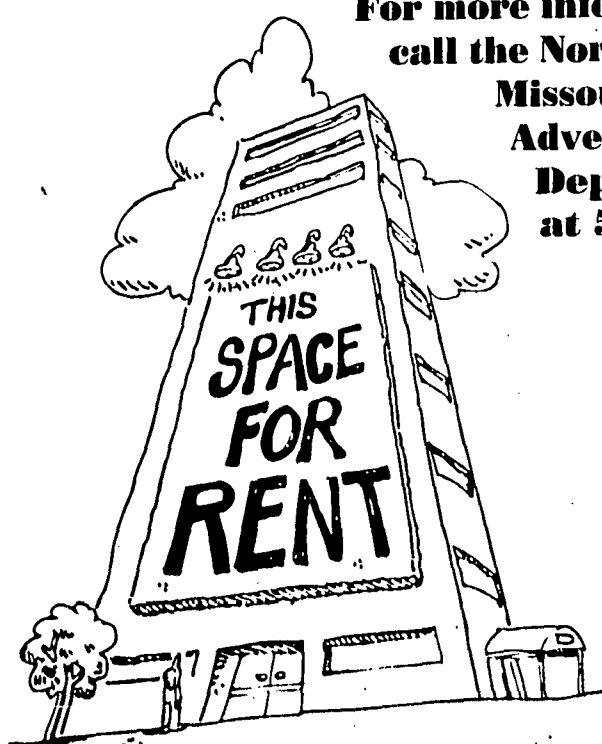
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The first week of classes has come and gone and yes, I did manage to make it to most of them. Surprise. But even with the beginning of the semester here Your Man still had his eyes set on something else — the Super Bowl. Or just another excuse for students and me to drink like it was a Friday night. (By the way I did make it to the Pub, but no more free advertisements until I get reimbursed with beer by the management.)

The Super Bowl is a great time, and Your Man has really reaped the benefits of living off campus. You all know how this is an alcohol-free living environment, right kids? Living off campus the past six years has really opened doors of opportunities. Girls in my hole-in-the-wall apartment at all hours of the day, the maid that picks up after me and my messy roomie Fred; and the two car garage that houses my brand new Chevy Camaro. Oh hell, all of that information is for the fantasy column, I'll have to use all that later in the semester.

Anyway, back to reality.

It is hard to watch a Super Bowl game on a 14-inch black and white television set, much less anything else. I do get Showtime free though. Your Man just has to watch between the lines of static. But it's worth it.

However, as pathetic as Your Man's life has been since the day I left the birth canal, there are some much less fortunate than me. My friends Dean and Bob actually wanted to come over and watch the Super Bowl at my one-bedroom shack.

There was an advantage to the bobsy-idiot coming over. They had fake IDs which were used to buy beer for the afternoon, and I wasn't going to complain since Your Man hasn't had money since I left Colden Hall last week. I had been at (insert favorite drinking place here).

So they arrived with the start of the first pregame show at noon and we drank and drank and ate and ate. It was truly a paradise, almost as much fun as a hillbilly at a family reunion. I really don't remember much of the pregame show except for Terry Bradshaw's shining head. (That's not a bald crack, it's

really not.)

But as the game was ready to start, I came to and sat back to watch a NFC butt-kicking. The last time the NFC lost a Super Bowl was when ZZ Top was actually cool. Ironic they were one of the halftime performers, wasn't it?

With the game basically being over by halftime, the commercials seemed to take on a rather entertaining value to an otherwise boring game. It was really bad since Your Man had run out of drinkage.

So with that in mind, Your Man would like to give the "Your Man Ad" of the Super Bowl to the chicken crossing the road Budweiser commercial. I guess it was a good thing those burping frogs weren't anywhere near New Orleans or they could have become an appetizer.

A close second-place award goes to the bomber birds for Nissan. Do birds only come out like that after a car is washed?

The third-place award goes to the new Budweiser caveman series.

A special honorable mention goes to the Pepsi commercial early in the afternoon with the baby and the three super models. That would be a pleasant first memory to have, but unfortunately for Your Man, the first thing I remember is getting slapped. It's kind of like when I ask someone out for a date.

But as the game drew to a close, Your Man thought back to how the Patriots must have felt being the underdogs and then leading for part of the game, then watching it slip away.

I remembered, that has been the story of my life. I am not a loser, I have just been blessed with a substantial amount of bad luck.

Kind of like another bar in town. How was business with the liquor inspector and undercover cops roaming around? Speaking of which, what qualifications does it take to be a liquor inspector? This sounds like a job even Your Man could do without much of a problem at all.

Well, America's Dumbest Criminals are coming on and Your Man likes to look for relatives. Until next week, keep your feet on the ground unless you are running from a greenman in a sidewalk sweeper cleaning the snow off of the ice below.

The Stroller has been a tradition at Northwest since 1918.

Weekly Crossword

ACROSS

1 Field's yield
5 Flat hills
10 Cook
14 The best
15 Of fleecy beast
16 Patriot Nathan
17 Box
18 Peruses
19 Gaelic
20 Makes taut

22 Voided court case
24 French department
26 Debtor's promise
27 Reacts in an angry manner
30 Circles the globe
34 Torn

35 Intended
37 New Deal org.
38 Common abr.
39 "my brother's keeper?"
41 Avail
42 "Miserables"
43 Stat. in baseball
44 Metric measure
46 Rather and Duryea

47 Sutherland of music
49 Apple dessert
52 Obtained
53 Writer Asimov
54 Musical groups
58 Fictitious
62 Press
63 River in France
65 Swear word
66 Words of understanding
67 Paragon
68 Ascend
69 Tablets
70 Like a fat
71 Cabbage salad

DOWN

1 The players
2 Lasso
3 - even keel
4 Continue
5 Bit of food
6 Holiday time
7 Variety of cat
8 "The King -"
9 School terms
10 Heavenly being
11 Mala -
12 "Born Free" name
13 Touch
21 Superlative suffix

Answers to last issue's puzzle

RAVES ALP BOMB
ODETO PAR AERIE
MONEY SWELLHEAD
ANI PENSIVE
NICKEL TOASTER
SENSATION TOGA
HIT NOTES
CLEW EMITS ODDS
EARL DIGRESSES
TREASON PEARLS
BANDITS MAP
ADVENTURE ALIVE
WIELD CON LINEN
LETS END BLEST

23 Cake
25 Send payment
27 Raise
28 Back: pref.
29 Of Peruvian people
31 Relative by marriage
32 Course
33 Impertinent
36 Atmospheres
39 Apporther
40 Certain exams
45 Series
46 Physicians
48 Jibes
50 To wit
51 "Have a nice -"

54 Witticism
55 - Major
56 On in years
57 Old pronoun
59 Frozen rain
60 -girl!
61 Masticate
64 After deductions

Weekly Events

Kansas City

Jan. 30 - Discover Stars on Ice, Kemper Arena. Show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$26 - \$45.

Jan. 31 - Kansas, Station Casino. Concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 - \$20.

Jan. 31 - World Championship Wrestling, Memorial Hall. Show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$6 - \$18.

Feb. 3 - Dream Factory Celebrity Basketball Game, Kemper Arena. Game begins at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 - \$12.

Feb. 5 - Starship, Station Casino. Concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 - \$20.

Feb. 7 - Marilyn Manson, Memorial Hall. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$20.

Des Moines

Jan. 30 - Nancy Griffith, Hoyt Sherman Auditorium. Concert begins 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$23.50.

Jan. 31 - Feb. 2 - Phantom of the Opera, Civic Center. Friday show begins at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday shows begin at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$26.75 - \$61.75.

Feb. 1 - Extreme Challenge II, Supertoad Entertainment Center. Show begins at 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 - \$50.

Feb. 4 - Type "O" Negative, Supertoad Entertainment Center. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$14.50.

Feb. 4 - 5 - Phantom of the Opera, Civic Center. Shows begin at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$26.75 - \$61.75.

Omaha

Jan. 31 - Ivory Star, Ranch Bowl. Concert begins at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$3 - \$4.

Feb. 1 - Turtle Moon, featuring Bee Bee and The Steel. Concert begins at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$3 - \$4.

Feb. 2 - Type "O" Negative with Sister Machine Gun, Ranch Bowl. Concert begins at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$14.

Feb. 8 - Marilyn Manson, Mancuso Entertainment Center. Concert begins at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 - \$22.

Feb. 9 - Chalk Farm, Ranch Bowl. Concert begins at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$6 - \$7.

Feb. 10 - Cannibal Corpse, Ranch Bowl. Concert begins at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 - \$9.

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